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Ogmore Vale burglars receive jail sentence

A COUPLE who committed three burglaries on the same night in Ogmore Vale were put behind bars when they appeared at Cardiff Crown Court.

Jonathan Davies, 31, and Sadie Hoyle, 28, were

told by judge Eleri Rees: "These were people from your own community who were asleep in their beds."

"Clearly, you went from door to door and took whatever you could find."

The pair, both from John Street, Nantymoel, admitted three charges of burglary.

Davies was jailed for three-and-a-half years, and his co-defendant was given two years.

The court heard they had been in a relationship since 2016.

Prosecutor Emma Harris said the break-ins took place on October 20. The first was in Water Street, where the victim woke at 4am and found

his iPad, watch, bank cards and mobile phone had gone.

The second, said Ms Harris, took place in St John Street when a handbag containing a purse, cash and bank cards was taken.

The final burglary took place in the same street when again a handbag, bank cards, and documents were taken.

Three days later, they were arrested and some of the stolen property was discovered in their home.

Hoyle, the court heard, had convictions for 19 offences including theft and Davies had 55 previous convictions.

Solicitor Robert Chudleigh, for Davies, said he was full of remorse and Rhodri Chudleigh, for Hoyle, pointed out that none of her convictions were for burglary.

For more details on this new development at Parc Stormy, see page 6.

THE 'green energy' complex at Parc Stormy, Stormy Down, operated by Cenin Renewables, has added another enterprise to its existing complex.

The energy storage developer and smart energy management company KiWi Power has made a multi-million pound investment in a huge smart battery system that will store power and release it at the most suitable time.

The new business was opened by the chair of Pyle Community Council, Cllr Kay John, who cut the traditional red ribbon!

Martin Popham of Cenin Renewables said: "This is all about having green energy in reserve and we are delighted to be working with KiWi Power."



Martin Popham, managing director of Cenin Renewables (left) looks on as Cllr Kay John cuts the ribbon. On the right is Yoav Zingher, CEO of KiWi Power.

Green energy park adds another string to its bow

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Drop-in session next week on Porthcawl's £3m 'prom scheme'

AS work begins on the lower prom of Porthcawl's town beach, a drop-in information session has been arranged to keep residents and visitors up to date with the £3m scheme.

The session, which become an increasingly busy site over the next few months.

Griffiths, will take place at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl on Tuesday, February 27 between 3.30pm and 7pm, and will include a chance to ask questions and view an artist's impression of what the finished project will look like.

Intended to replace ageing sea defences at the town's 'tarmac beach' and to protect 260 seafront properties and businesses from flooding and coastal erosion, the work will introduce an attractive, all-new terraced design with a sand-coloured surface.

The information session will also coincide with a closure of the lower prom in order to allow large sections of sea wall to be removed and replaced.

Cllr Richard Young, cabinet member for communities, said: "The town beach is going to

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Specsavers Maesteg helps brain charity



LEFT TO RIGHT:
Sian and Isaac Taylor, Kevin McCarthy and Paul Molton of Specsavers, Chris Jones of Cerebra.

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Kevin McCarthy, West Wales regional chair of Specsavers, Chris Jones, CEO at Cerebra, Paul Molton, East Wales regional chair at Specsavers.

SPECSAVERS has donated £10,000 to Cerebra, a charity supporting children with brain conditions, to mark the start of a year-long fundraising partnership.

The Maesteg store, together with other stores in south and mid Wales, will be raising additional funds over the next 12 months for Cerebra's support services and research work.

The opticians on Talbot Street in Maesteg is joining forces with 38 other Specsavers stores across south and mid Wales to raise additional funds for Cerebra's support services and research work, with plans afoot for fancy dress days and a 220-mile cycle-thon.

The donation was presented to Cerebra's chief executive, Chris Jones, on February 15 when Specsavers' staff from across the region visited Cerebra's Innovation Centre in Swansea.

During the visit, staff saw products the charity has designed to make life easier, more inclusive and fun for children with brain conditions and also met with three families the charity supports to see first-hand how its services are positively impacting on families in Wales and the rest of the UK.

Simon Morris, Specsavers store director in Maesteg, said: "Cerebra is a remarkable charity that does incredible work to improve the lives of children with brain conditions, which we saw first-hand at the launch of this partnership."

"The advice and information it provides to families goes far beyond leaflet sharing, with the charity giving practical help and guidance to families to help them get the financial and social support they need."



"We're always striving to support organisations making a positive impact on our community and Cerebra is doing just that."

Cerebra has been working with families who have children with brain conditions since 2001 and is currently supporting 4,500 families across Wales, with thousands more accessing information through their website.

Mr Morris added: "We always enjoy raising money for charity and can't wait to build on that initial £10,000 donation with our neighbouring Specsavers stores."

Cerebra's vision is that every family that has a child with a brain condition will have the chance to discover a better life together.

By listening to what families want and need, they can inspire the best research and innovation, and offer a range of support services to help families put that knowledge into practice.

They help families of children up to 16 years old with a range of neurodevelopmental disorders such as cerebral palsy, autistic spectrum disorders, genetic disorders and traumatic brain injuries.

Chris Jones, chief executive of Cerebra, said: "Families where a child has a brain condition face challenges every day – just to learn, play, make friends, enjoy and experience the world can be difficult, even impossible."

"We are very grateful to Specsavers for their generous support and are excited that they joining us on this rewarding journey to work wonders for children with brain conditions."

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Defibrillator stolen from railway station

A VITAL piece of lifesaving equipment has been stolen from Bridgend Railway Station.

The theft of the defibrillator took place some time between February 7 and February 9 from its site on Platform 2 of the station.

Witnesses or anyone who has any information concerning the theft are urged to contact the British Transport Police.

The public access defibrillator has played a crucial part in keeping people safe and some months ago was used to help save the life of a man who had collapsed a short distance from the station.

Bridgend is Wales' fifth busiest station and in 2016/17 it saw more than 1.5 million people passing through it.

Sgt Stephen Dawkins of the BTP said: "This was

a mindless theft of emergency lifesaving equipment which could be crucial to saving lives.

"The fact it did save a life not so long ago is testament to just what an important part it plays, not just on the station, but in the community too.

"If you do know anything at all about this theft, please contact the BTP on 0800 40 50 40."

Thomas Owens, who manages Bridgend station for Arriva Trains Wales added: "The defibrillator is key to saving lives. We know that if you suffer a heart attack, getting medical attention quickly is crucial, so we were all bitterly disappointed at this theft and would call on anyone who might know something to contact the BTP."

Better use for £1.5m?

A UKIP AM believes almost £1.5 million will save more money in the longer term.

"What consideration have you given to improving the Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) offices could have been better spent.

South Wales West AM Caroline Jones said there have been good examples of the Welsh Government's 'Invest to Save Fund' being used to improve the lives of people in her region, citing two in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea as examples, but she told First Minister Carwyn Jones: "The biggest investment of nearly £1.5 million was used to improve the offices of Bridgend Council.

"Surely the scheme should prioritise areas that are suffering as a result of council cutbacks.

"Swansea Council has a £56 million backlog of road repairs. It is believed that insurance pay-outs and compensation claims will skyrocket as a result of the repair backlog.

Report by Michael Prosser
Investing in repairs now

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20–25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
22 Thur	10.21	9.0	22.49	8.7
23 Fri	11.20	8.6	23.47	8.3
24 Sat			12.29	8.1
25 Sun	01.08	8.0	13.53	7.9
26 Mon	02.36	8.2	15.22	8.4
27 Tues	03.57	8.5	16.31	8.8
28 Wed	04.59	9.3	17.29	9.5
01 Thur	05.53	9.9	18.22	10.0

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Maesteg duo scale three Welsh peaks in winter to help save local school

B R I D G E N D businessman Brian Stokes is no stranger to a challenge.

The Afan Valley entrepreneur started his IT support business, ITCS in a small shop in Maesteg 14 years ago.

The company is now a multi award-winning national provider of business IT support and employs more than 40 staff in their south Wales office alone – including their very first employee, who is now a director of the business.

Growing the business has often been an uphill climb, but recently, accompanied by his long time friend, professional boxer Geraint Goodridge, Brian took on a climb of a different kind – the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge.

The Three Peaks Challenge usually takes place in summer. However, Brian and Geraint's local school, Afan Comprehensive, is threatened with closure and urgently needs funds to mount a legal challenge.

With fundraising in mind, the two men decided to brave the elements and tackle the total mountain distance of 18 miles (29km) and a total ascent of 2,334 metres (7,657ft), in hazardous February weather.

Usually the challenge has to be completed in less than 24 hours, but the superfit duo decided to set themselves a target of completion within 12 hours, despite the added

challenge of doing it in heavy snow and freezing winter conditions.

The day of the challenge arrived in the middle of the coldest weekend of the winter.

With summit temperatures of -14°C, their aim to halve the challenge time allowed to climb Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen-y-Fan looked unlikely.

Nobody was expected to reach the summit of a snow and ice-covered Snowdon that day, so tackling three peaks and a considerable drive in inclement weather and braving freezing rain seemed an impossible task.

However, having already driven to north Wales the previous day, the brave duo decided to forge on with their planned ascent – and it wasn't easy.

Throughout much of their first climb, they could only see yards ahead, the path was not visible due to being covered in snow and ice and at points they were walking waist-deep in snow.

Getting caught off track several times, the pair had to rely on phone sat-nav to get back on track, and it was somewhat sobering to see that all the other footprints (and waist prints!) stopped half way up.

They were the first to make the summit that day, and had to carve steps into the ice to act as a ladder on the final part of the summit.

Brian had been instructed by his



Brian Stokes: 'It's vital to save the school.'

marketing team to take home when two lots of photos, but the experienced climbers had view from the summit to be rescued from was non-existent, and he wasn't keen to risk frostbite by exposing making their Three Peaks Challenge even more flesh at -14°C, so took a few moments of video

The duo are now recovering from their climb and preparing for their next task – the legal challenge to keep the school open.

Brian said: "Coming down Snowdon was particularly challenging in driving, icy sleet which was extremely painful.

Determined to make the 12 hour window, the pair managed to save time via an 'off-piste' descent, aided by sliding

on sheets of ice. Their original plan to run up Pen-y-Fan was somewhat thwarted due to exhaustion, but despite slowing to a walking pace, they still completed the challenge in under 12 hours, raising just under £1,400 to help the school

fight the challenge. The scale of their achievement was brought to the attention of the school in any way we can."

Geraint added: "I work hard to maintain my fight fitness and boxing training is extremely gruelling, so I was amazed at how physically challenging this climb was.

"As Brian says, the real fight to save the school is only just beginning. Afan Valley is a great school, coming sixth in the annual Real Schools Guide – and its closure would mean our children leaving home at 7am to reach the alternative school in Margam. It's a senseless decision, so I'm confident this is a fight we can win."

Cymmer Labour councillor Scott Jones praised the pair and said: "I'm proud of Brian and Geraint, two local residents, who have given phenomenal support to our campaign to save education in the Afan Valley.

"This closure would have an adverse impact on the health, wellbeing and education of our young people and we will fight it all the way. These funds will be a massive help."

Bridgend public meetings available as 'webcasts'

BRIDGEND County Borough residents with a keen eye on local issues will be able to watch webcasts of several public meetings being held this spring.

Bridgend County Borough Council has confirmed that the following meetings will be broadcast live online at www.bridgend.gov.uk, with recordings made available to be viewed on 'catch up'.

The meetings are: February 27, 2:30pm: Cabinet; February 28, 3pm, council; March 15, 10am, development control committee; March 27, 2:30pm, Cabinet.

Clr Huw David, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council said: "These meetings will give residents an insight into the current matters and future developments in Bridgend County Borough.

"Webcasting allows us to become even more transparent and is another way to engage with local residents."

The meetings will be transmitted live at www.bridgend.gov.uk, and will be recorded and archived so that residents can watch them at their convenience for up to 12 months.

PLAY GOLF FOR KPC!

KPC Youth and Community are holding their 20th annual Charity Golf Day on Friday, June 22 at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl.

Team entry for teams of four is £160 per team (or take advantage of our Early Bird offer of just £140 if paid by end of April 2018).

Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf and entry into a golf prize competition.

Come along for a great day's golf and the chance to support a local charity.

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole.

For team entry forms or more details, contact Alison on 01656 749219 or kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

Vale Council's 3.9% increase in council tax

With councils around Wales setting their council tax, the neighbouring Vale Council, which is Conservative-controlled, has opted for a 3.9 per cent council tax rise.

The council tax rise of 4.5 per cent proposed by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) will not be confirmed until the next full council meeting.

The same applies to the Vale rise. This will also be debated at the next full council meeting.

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Improvement is noted at Parc's young persons' unit

THE Young Persons' Unit at HMP & YOI Parc near Bridgend in South Wales has shown "quite significant improvement" in key aspects, including safety, in the past year, inspectors found.

Peter Clarke, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, said Parc had often received positive inspection results and welcomed work by the management to turn around a deterioration in standards at the previous inspection in December 2016.

Parc held 43 boys up to the age of 18 at the time of the most recent inspection in October 2017. Publishing a report on the inspection, Mr Clarke said: "At our last visit we were disappointed to see some deterioration, with the institution becoming less safe and less respectful.

"At this inspection, however, it was clear to us that, with good leadership and a re-energised staff group, deterioration had been arrested and indeed quite significant improvement was evident."

Safety is a key challenge in all institutions for young people and recorded violence at the Parc unit, although falling, remained too high – though most incidents were low level. Linked to this, the unit needed to address boys' poor perceptions of safety and victimisation.

Nearly two-thirds of boys said they had been victimised by other boys. Despite this, inspection evidence "clearly indicated improvement in most aspects of safety," Mr Clarke said.

Boys were well received and correctly inducted into the unit, safeguarding and child protection procedures were more rigorous and the care for

those at risk of self-harm was much better.

Staff were supervising boys with much greater confidence. Behaviour management arrangements had been properly reviewed and now had a greater emphasis on motivation than sanctions. Security was proportionate and use of force was better managed.

Boys had good amounts of time out of their cells, with improved education and activities, and could eat communally in an ordered atmosphere, although few liked the food. The Parc unit was also cleaner.

There was a greater level of consultation with boys. However, more needed to be done to promote equality, which remained weak.

Mr Clarke said: "This is a good report. It was encouraging to see many of our previous recommendations attended to, which was to the great credit of the director and her staff, who had clearly worked very hard.

"Some very creative and caring approaches were seen in the work we inspected and we cited several examples of good practice. Staff were well trained, committed and confident, and it was clear to us that a firm platform for yet further progress was in place."

Michael Spurr, Chief Executive of HM Prison & Probation Service, said: "Parc has significantly improved the services it provides for young people, which is a credit to the director and her team."

"The challenges presented by the young people are considerable but there is a clear strategy in place to tackle violence and provide positive opportunities for change, which is commendable."

Presentation evening rounds off a successful year for Porthcawl's Swim and Carnival organisers

AS we reported in last week's GEM, last year in Porthcawl was marked by another successful Carnival and the 53rd Christmas Morning Swim (the biggest yet).

This culminated in £14,250 being donated to 26 local charities at the presentation event at the Hi Tide on February 9.

It was a busy night as local groups arrived to collect their donations.

Over 1,200 swimmers entered the sea on a fresh Christmas morning making 2017 the biggest swim yet and each swimmer received a commemorative mug.

Frank Murphy of the MacMillan Bridgend and District fundraising group accepted a cheque for £3,500, with Porthcawl Museum and Historical Society, Porthcawl Girl Guides and Porthcawl and Pyle Pumas Boxing Club among the other beneficiaries.



The swim and carnival committees with Frank Murphy of Macmillan.



ABOVE: Irene King presented a cheque to Jane Hawkins for the Guide Dogs.



*ABOVE: Kay Smart received a cheque for the local Parkinson's support group from Graham Walter.
RIGHT: Aubrey Lewis*



Sam Evans and Adrian Evans received a cheque on behalf of St John Ambulance.

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Porthcawl Town Beach Scheme Public Information Evening

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Date: Tuesday, 27th February

**Time: Informal drop-in between
3.30pm - 7.00pm**

Venue: Grand Pavilion Cafe Area

At the information evening you will also have the opportunity to sign up to the email database which will enable you to receive regular updates on the project via email.

Alternatively, for general updates on the scheme please visit community.alungriffiths.co.uk



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Star performance from STEM pupil

A STUDENT from Brynteg Comprehensive School in Bridgend has been selected to compete at the UK finals of a science and engineering competition after her exciting project caught the eye of judges.

Megan Hamilton will take her place in this year's 'The Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Competition' at Birmingham's NEC in March. Here, contestants will vie for top prizes, including the coveted title of UK Young Engineer and GSK UK Young Scientist of the Year.

Megan has been announced as one of the winners of the online heats at The Big Bang Fair, with the project entitled 'Networking Stars.'

The overall aim of her project was to make a network of stars using the *Gliese Catalogue of Nearby*

Stars, which contains 2,223 of the closest stars to our own sun. The initial motivation was to create a project which incorporated her interest of space and maths and used everyday mathematical methods, but applied on a much bigger scale.

Beth Elgood, director of communications, EngineeringUK, said: "Megan really impressed the judges with her project and we're excited to see how she does at the finals at the fair."

"Going into its tenth year, The Big Bang Fair continues to be a great source of STEM inspiration for young people, representing an amazing opportunity for young visitors, their teachers and parents to get hands-on with a wide range of activities, workshops and shows."

"They will engage in meaningful career conversations with professionals, all designed to bring classroom learning to life and inspire the next generation."

College on shortlist for apprentice award

BRIDGEND COLLEGE is in the running for another award this year in the AAC Apprenticeships Award 2018.

FE Week and AELP will launch the inaugural awards at the next annual Apprenticeship Conference in Birmingham on March 22.

There are six categories that make up the award, with Bridgend College shortlisted regionally, as well as nationally for the 'Apprenticeship Provider of the Year' category.

A parliamentary reception will take place initially at the beginning of March where the regional winners will be announced. Each regional winner will attend the main event at the conference at the end of March, where the overall national winners will be awarded.

Matt Williams, director of apprenticeships and work-based learning at Bridgend College, said: "We are extremely proud to be one of three institutions flying the flag for Wales at the AAC UK Awards next month".

Visit the college's website for a full list of apprenticeship courses offered at www.bridgend.ac.uk/apprenticeships/.

Spring Twmpath to be held at Wick

SUSTAINABLE Wick Community Group (SWCG) will hold its annual spring twmpath on Saturday, March 3.

As in previous years, it will be held in Wick and Marcross village hall with the dancing starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 10.30pm.

The event has provided the opportunity for people to come together for a fun evening of dancing and socialising. There will be a caller to guide everyone through the dances and the music will be provided by The Thingimijigs, a Vale *ceilidh* band.

Ticket prices for the event are adults £7.50; 11-16s £3.50; and under-11s free (but accompanied by an adult) available from Mike Webb on 01656 890521, 07512 231801 or email mike.webb8@webbsofwick7.plus.com.

Free nibbles will be provided and soft drinks will be on sale. You are welcome to bring your own alcohol and there will also be a raffle.

All funds raised from the event will go towards the Community Woodland Project in Monks Wood, Wick, and other SWCG community projects. MW

Porthcawl RNLI stalwart retires



ABOVE: John Abraham with HRH The Princess Royal.



John and Marj Abraham.

JOHN Abraham, the chairman of Porthcawl RNLI committee has decided to retire following 20 successful years volunteering for the charity.

His role covered both the operational and fund raising committees at the station.

During his chairmanship it is estimated that over half a million pounds was raised locally for the charity.

The lifeboat has launched over one thousand times and saved numerous lives. John was supported throughout by his wife Marj who in her own right raised £70,000 selling tickets for quilts she would raffle each summer season.

Following his retirement in early February John reflected on his time involved with the RNLI. He said: 'My first contact with Porthcawl lifeboat was through my father, one of the original 12 volunteers who formed the elected station committee in 1965.'

"Then when our retirement brought us back to live in Porthcawl I was invited to join the fundraising committee, becoming chairman and later station chairman.

"I was struck, immediately, by the total commitment of all personnel in all aspects of the lifeboat service, our town should be proud of the

time and dedication shown by our volunteers."

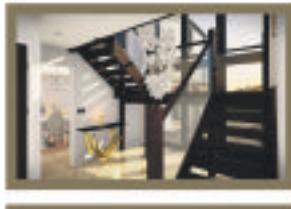
There have been many happy times. The station personnel have had the privilege of royal visits from HRH Princess Anne, HRH Duke of Kent and many dignitaries over the years.

Just three years ago Porthcawl celebrated the station's 50th anniversary with an anniversary ball which was very successful and a credit to all volunteers.

John, who had been a deputy headteacher during his career, lives with Marj in Picton Avenue, Porthcawl. They have three sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Granddaughter Hannah served as a crew member at Porthcawl before moving from the town. When asked of his plans for retirement, John said he would like to do more beach fishing.

Lifeboat operations manager Philip Missen said: "John has been a great ambassador for our station, dedicating hours in so many varied ways for the betterment of us all. He has been a friend to us all and respected by all our volunteers."



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PRITI PATEL MEETS PORTHCAWL PUPILS

From left, standing, are Suzy Davies AM, Priti Patel MP, and Cllr Carolyn Webster.

SIXTH-form pupils of Porthcawl Comprehensive School had the opportunity to grill the Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, Suzy Davies AM, and Cllr Carolyn Webster when she visited the school last week.

Pupils questioned the MP for Witham on issues ranging from the uses of technology in government to Brexit. Ms Patel was pleased to hear the passion of the questioning and the interest in politics, both devolved and national.

Among other items on a varied agenda, Ms Patel explained to the pupils taking part the importance of scrutinising legislation before it becomes voted into law.

Mrs Davies and Cllr Webster also addressed specific issues including a number of questions on the NHS and education in Wales as



these and other matters are devoted to the Welsh Assembly.

Ms Patel and Mrs Davies congratulated the sixth form on its excellent academic record, their record within the local community on fundraising and both encouraged pupils to think about building on that and playing an active part in public life.

In closing, Cllr Webster – a former pupil of Porthcawl Comprehensive School – thanked staff and pupils for all of their questions, adding: "Strong democracies require such robust debate as seen today to function well." AS

BEING a resident in the RCT area, I found it quite amazing to read in The GEM about the consultation on cuts to bus services.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) carries a report to Cabinet 2018/19 in all its libraries (supplement), consulting on possible bus routes which could lose their funding.

I hope people will pick it up, ask for a copy or go online. Your council has had its budget cut by over £60 million since 2010, and more will be placed on all local authorities in the future.

When I travel to Bridgend I use the First

Choir supports the Mayor's fundraising

ON Saturday, February 17 the Celtic Club Maesteg were hosts of Mayor Idris Williams' charity fundraising year.

Maesteg Male Voice Choir were the entertainers for the evening and delighted the audience with a wonderful array of music, which went down extremely well with the large audience and supporters of the Mayor's charity.

During the first quarter, the choir entertained with six traditional Welsh hymns, which were appreciated by the audience who then went on to play a session of bingo and a musical quiz which even some members of the choir joined in.

The second quarter began with choir singing more of a musical theatre set before the interval, when the choir and guests enjoyed an excellent buffet.

Finally, the choir finished off the concert with four new pieces, which were performed for the first time by the choir and were enjoyed by the audience and the choristers themselves.

The musical director reminded the audience that on May 12, the choir's annual concert will be at Maesteg

Town Hall with Shan Cothi performing.

A word about the choir's musical team. Since coming together to take over the reins, both musical director Huw Morgan and accompanist Laura Deenik have really blended together and have a wonderful working partnership.

This is bringing the best out of the choir and Huw's humour and participation with the audience goes down extremely well. TH

Help for local PTA from housebuilder

A BRIDGEND school has received funding from a leading housebuilder.

Coety Primary School Friends Association received £1,000 to buy outdoor equipment for the new school.

The donation is part of Persimmon Homes' Community Champions campaign. Each month the builder donates up to £2,000 to community groups across south west Wales.

Toni Lewis, a member of Coety Primary School Friends Association, said: "This is a fantastic boost for the school. We will use the money to buy new outdoor equipment for the junior yard, including a climbing wall."

"The children will love it. It's great to see Persimmon Homes getting involved in the communities in which they work."

Persimmon funded the new Coety Primary School as part of the Parc Derwen development, where 1,500 homes are being built.

Sharon Robinson, sales director at Persimmon Homes West Wales, said: "We're delighted to hand over this money."

"As a company we have enjoyed huge success over the last few years, and it's great to be able to give something back to the communities in which we are working."

"Our Community Champions campaign is still running and we'd welcome more applications via our website, www.persimmonhomes.com/charity."

'We need to make much more use of bus services or they will disappear'

Bus service 65, Talbot Green to Bridgend, serving Llanharan, Bryncae, Pencoed, Heol y Cyw and Brynmenin.

Unfortunately I see very little use of that service by residents at Bryncae, Hendre, Heol y Cyw, Brynmenin etc.

What is so frustrating is the lack of use by the Heol y Cyw residents in Bridgend county borough.

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90 Day Notice	£5,000	£1	1.10%
Cash ISA	£1	£1	1.10%
Cash JISA	£1	£1	2.00%
Young Saver	£1	£1	2.00%
First Adult Saver	£1 (only available to customers aged 16 to 30 years old)	£1	1.25%

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Tractor Boys of Aberthin give cheques to charities



Billy handing a cheque over to Bethan Palfrey of Parkinson's UK.

THE Tractor Boys of Aberthin held a presentation evening at the Farmers Arms, Aberthin on January 29.

The main event of the evening was the presentation by Billy George on behalf of the Tractor Boys of Aberthin, of two cheques for an amount of £1,000 each. The beneficiaries of the cheques were Alzheimer's Research UK and Parkinson's UK.

The cheques were gladly received by both organisations, who were delighted with the amount raised.

The money was raised as the result of a tractor run organised by both John Gray and Graham Ponsford last October in memory of Billy George's wife, Kay, who died in March 2016 after battling a long illness (Lewy Body Disease, which is a combination of both Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's).

The run was well organised and strongly supported by the local community, family and friends, resulting in the fantastic amount of £2,000 being raised.

Auctions and raffles were held prior to the run at Llest Farm, Llantwit

Fardre which served as the starting and ending point of the fundraising event. This helped boost the amount of money raised significantly.

There were 34 tractors in total participating in the run, which took place around the Pontypridd area on October 8, a fine and sunny Sunday. The run took in the fantastic mountain scenery of the surrounding region and included passage through Taff Street in Pontypridd, before moving on to Eglwysilan where we marvelled at the views, before a well earned comfort stop at the Rose and Crown.

Many thanks to John Gray for organising the run, to those who provided raffle prizes and auction items and to all those who participated in the run and made donations.

A big thank you also to Billy and his family for providing excellent hospitality at Llest Farm, both before and after the event. The cider that they produce there, I can highly recommend.

The Tractor Boys of Aberthin have raised over £28,000 for good causes during the last seven years.

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Vale Council is to follow Bridgend on waste collection

THE Vale Council is considering following Bridgend (BCBC) and asking householders to separate more of their household recycling – and also limit the number of black landfill bags.

At present, the Vale Council operates a 'co-mingling' system, but a change was discussed at a cabinet meeting this Monday (February 19).

BCBC changed its system last year, in April. The change-over to a more comprehensive regime sparked a storm of protest, and a number of councillors and residents are still unhappy.

The Vale Council says the proposed change is driven by the need to increase recycling levels and cut costs.

At the moment, the recyclable materials collected by the Vale Council – glass, paper, tins and plastic – are simply transported to a re-processor in the north of England. The council receives no money at all.

If the cabinet says yes, then a consultation will begin on how best to introduce the changes, with the new measures due to come into effect from September.

Cllr Geoff Cox, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport, said: "The council must change the way in which we collect residents' waste and recycling in order to bring our service into line with changes to the law, and more importantly make it economically and environmentally sustainable."

"The changes I propose are subject to the council receiving a substantial capital grant from Welsh Government to assist with infrastructure costs.

"How we go about implementing them, however, will be decided based on the views of residents.

"As a county we have been set a challenging target by Welsh Government of recycling 70 per cent of the Vale's waste by 2025.

"We can only achieve this if more residents than ever are willing to play their role in recycling and we will soon be launching a public awareness campaign."

Due to the processing and travel costs involved the council receives no income for the material that goes to the north of England.

Separated collections will result in much lower levels of contamination and in turn a higher sale price for the material.

The council will also be able to find its own markets due to the higher value of the material and will seek to find these markets as close to the Vale as possible.

Alongside the changes to collections the council intends to build a new waste transfer station within the Vale where recyclable material can be stored before it is sold.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The significant reduction in the costs of transporting recyclable material along with the higher sale price are predicted to result in savings to the council of around £400,000 each year."

Southerndown WI learn the benefits of counselling

THERE was a very good turn out at the February meeting of Southerndown WI with several visitors – hopefully they'll be back as full members next month!

President Lyn welcomed everyone and Chris gave members the travel details for the trip to the opera. Pam reminded everyone of the groups that take place regularly – darts, book group, craft group and walking group.

The speaker for the evening, Sheila Stephens, gave a talk on counselling. Sheila had been involved in counselling since the 1980s and she explained the training and accreditation process.

Counselling has developed gradually since the days of Sigmund Freud to the current day when Mindfulness and Cognitive Behavioural Therapies are popular concepts for coping with depression or anxiety.

It was interesting to hear how neurological research has demonstrated that counselling has a direct and positive impact on the brain.

Our feelings and emotions are located in one part

of the brain but research has shown that guided discussion of the feelings moves them to a different part of the brain where they can be considered by more rational thought.

Sheila told how people often will be counselled for grief and explained how it can be experienced for many situations in life, such as following major surgery, when friendships come to an end and sometimes if we choose to move to a different location to start a new life.

Sheila ended her talk with a quote from a speech given by Prince William during the launch of the charity, Heads Together, emphasising the importance of talking and how it can change lives. Sheila definitely gave everyone some food for thought.

The coffee morning this month is at Lyn's home on February 22 from 10.30am and the next meeting takes place on Thursday, March 8 at 7.15pm in St Brides Major Church Hall on Southerndown Road – all are welcome.

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CARDIFF AIRPORT REPORTS A HALF TERM SURGE IN PASSENGERS

THE first few days of the February half term holidays are off to a flying start at Cardiff Airport with approximately 22,000 customers expected this week.

Trends in passenger travel since the start of the week showed that customers are using Wales' national airport as the departure point to reach far-flung, long haul destinations with KLM, using Amsterdam Schiphol as the connecting hub.

Popular choices include Asia, north America, the Middle East, Africa and China.

Some people have headed for European ski resorts, and a proportion of passengers have headed for the sunshine of southern Europe.

Debra Barber, CEO of Cardiff Airport, said: "We enjoy welcoming excited passengers as they fly off for a half term break or to visit friends and family."

"It's interesting to see the trends in our

passengers' travel habits and the popular routes at this time of year.

"It's been an exciting start to the year, with passenger growth and terminal developments well under way."

"Following what was a strong start to the year with nine per cent growth for January and over 1,473 million passengers having flown over the last 12 months, Wales' national airport is gearing up for a busy year ahead."

"As the country's national airport, we're very passionate about delivering a warm Welsh welcome to visitors on arrival to Wales, with international passengers flying in daily with KLM and even more expected when the Qatar Airways' service starts in May."

"Cardiff Airport is proudly flying the flag for Wales every day of the year."

Swansea Building Society launches a new account

SWANSEA Building Society has recently launched a new savings account for new and existing members in Wales following demand from its young adult customers for a product that will help them save for a significant life purchase, such as a first home.

Launched on February 1, the First Adult Saver account has been created by the Society specifically for customers aged from 18 to and including 30-year-olds.

According to the Halifax First Time Buyer Review 2017, the average age of a first time buyer in the UK is 30, which is up from 29 in 2011.

Swansea Building Society believes that limiting the age to 30 on its new First Adult Saver account will significantly help those saving for their first home.

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The origins of the Ordnance Survey

ON February 8 Tower of London in 1841, the headquarters of the Ordnance Survey were moved to Southampton, and in 1855 the Board of Ordnance was abolished and the Ordnance Survey was placed under the War Office together with the Topographical Survey and the Depot of Military Knowledge and eventually in 1870 it was transferred to the Office of Works.

The origins of the Ordnance Survey lie in the aftermath of the Jacobite rising of 1745, which was finally defeated by forces loyal to the government at the Battle of Culloden in 1746; when it was realised that the British Army did not have a good map of the British Isles.

William Roy was largely responsible for the British share of the work of the Principal Triangulation of Great Britain between 1783 and 1853, and led to the creation of the Ordnance Survey itself. In 1801 the first one-inch-to-the-mile map was published and by 1840 the one-inch survey had covered all of Wales.

After a fire in the Old School in Sully, Mike Birnage

We look forward to our next presentation on March 8 at the Old School in Sully.

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Bridge club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for February 19 are as follow.

First, Mia Deschepper and Mike Pownall 61.25 per cent. Second, Mary Louther and Joan Bird 57.90 per cent. Third, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best 57.50 per cent.

Bro Radio launches search for 'supermum'

BRO RADIO, the local radio station for the Vale of Glamorgan, has launched a search for the most deserving or unsung Mum in the Vale in partnership with The Glenbrook Inn.

The Glenbrook Inn has been a vital part of the local community since 1982, serving their famous Sunday carvery every weekend and hosting a range of events for all the family throughout the year.

Teaming up with the local family restaurant, the station is looking to give back to a Vale-based Mum who has had a tough 12 months, or who has supported or given back to their local community.

Owner of The Glenbrook Inn, Liam O'Leary said: "Working with Bro Radio is a great way for us to give back to the local people who have supported us over the years. We've already heard from so many Mums who are doing great things in the community and hope we can give them a Mother's day to remember."

If you know a deserving Vale-based Mum, then Bro Radio and The Glenbrook Inn would like to hear from you.

Submit their details via broradio.fm for your chance to win a three course Sunday lunch on Mothering Sunday for up to four people including a drink.

All nominees must be based in the Vale and entry closes at 5pm on Friday, March 2.

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VALE AM PRAISES WORK OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARITY

RIGHT:
Jane Hutt AM with
Helen Jones and
Sarah Duddridge at
Atal y Fro.

FOLLOWING the 40th anniversary of Welsh Women's Aid, former co-ordinator Jane Hutt AM visited Atal y Fro in Barry to congratulate the pioneering charity in their work to tackle violence against women in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Jane Hutt said: "Atal y Fro provides pioneering domestic abuse services in the Vale but their aim has also been 'to prevent' violence against women.

"The Welsh Government has funded



a Wales-wide project led by Atal y Fro to support families to help prevent domestic abuse at times of stress and vulnerability.

"I was glad to visit and welcome new director Helen Jones to her post at Atal y Fro. "As we approach International Women's

Day on March 8, I hope a spotlight will shine on the work we need to do to prevent violence against women in Wales and the world."

GLORIOUS BIGSWEIR FOR THE PENARTH RAMBLERS

JOY from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to a group of 11 walkers at Bigsweir in glorious weather conditions.

They made their way uphill along the ancient Offa's Dyke Path which dates to 780AD and on leaving the wood, there were vast amounts of damage visible in the churned up fields caused by wild boar.

After a morning break in the shelter of trees to avoid the cool breeze, a further climb through Highbury Wood led to a descent past snowdrops and a glorious view of the Penalt Viaduct, which carried the Wye Valley Railway line from England into Wales in the

valley below. A steep, slippery descent led them through Lower Redbrook for the next climb up through muddy wet tracks in Forge Wood and a smattering of snowflakes on the journey up to Newland.

All Saints Church, also known as The Cathedral of the Forest, provided shelter for the lunch break, with a chance to share its history dating back to 1200. Its beautiful treasures included a 1ft-high brass engraving known as the 'Miner's Brass,' showing a Forest of Dean miner with a candle in his mouth, a pickaxe in hand and a hod on his back.

Passing the almshouses adjacent to the church, following a muddy, sunken track

uphill to Rookery Lane, there were a few more snow flurries. It led to open views of the Herefordshire countryside and hills in the distance, before a series of fields and sunken lanes led them back into woodland for the descent back to the start.

In contrast, William was not so lucky for his mid-week local walk from Porthkerry Country Park on a wet and cold morning.

Four companions turned up and they set off via the Wales Coast Path, uphill through the old Iron Age Bulwarks hillfort to Porthkerry Caravan Park.

Continuing their journey along the clifftop, there was a pause at the southernmost tip of

mainland Wales, before heading up through Rhoose village to circumnavigate the perimeter of Cardiff Airport in order to seek out shelter under a road bridge from the rain for morning break.

Heading downhill to cross the River Kenson stone bridge, the Nant Llancarfan Valley was flooded, so a detour by road eventually brought them to Pancross Farm and down into Llancarfan.

Seeking shelter at St Cadoc's Church, the group saw its glorious array of medieval wall paintings, covered up by centuries of lime washing following the break with the Roman Catholic Church by King Henry VIII, after which all traces of the Catholic religion were banned.

Heading along the road to Pen-Onn and descending the rickety bridge over the River Waycock, sodden paths through the wood led up to soggy fields and into Penmark.

The walkers made their way by road, track and field to Blackton Farm and over the A4226 to follow the Whitelands Brook downhill, where a last ascent over West Ridge led them back into Porthkerry Park.

On February 24, meet at 9am at Cogan for a seven-mile moderate walk at Moel Penderyn; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

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CAVC students win medals in IT finals

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College have won a gold, three silver and three bronze medals in the Skills Competition Wales IT finals.

The learners were competing against students from across Wales in the contest which feeds into the UK Skills Show and WorldSkills contests.

In the Coding Skills finals, students had to focus on developing software, debugging, testing codes and creating new applications.

They were also required to program a Lego Mindstorms robot. Jake Steen (18) from Barry won silver, while Ellis Brown (18) from Cowbridge, took the bronze.

Matthew Dean (18) from Cardiff won silver in Network Security and Kyle Woodward (18) from Cardiff won bronze. The contest involved securing

network devices and restricting access of users by employing various policies, testing competitors' configuration and application skills.

Tomek Pawelek (21) from Cardiff won gold and Morgan Whithair (17) also from Cardiff, won silver in the IT Support Technician competition, where their ability to configure IT hardware and software to meet customer requirements was tested.

Cardiff and Vale College deputy principal Sharon James said: "Congratulations and a massive well done to our IT learners for doing so well in the finals. Seven medals is quite an achievement and shows how their hard work and determination has paid off.

"Staff from the college's IT department have worked tirelessly to train these competitors, enabling them to compete to such a high standard, so I thank them for their effort and commitment. This impressive haul of medals is a testament to that."



Students from Cardiff and Vale College's IT department with their awards.



Bee colonies are getting ready for warmer weather

News from the Fonmon Apiary by Harold Williams

SIGNS of spring are everywhere, workers have spent many hours collecting pollen and nectar (it is nectar that is collected, not honey: the bees change nectar into honey).

Bulbs are also beginning to poke up through the soil.

However! Weather conditions are such that the bees are not able to venture out just yet to collect the pollen on offer from these early providers.

Nonetheless, the days are lengthening and the bees are aware of this. The queens are stepping up their egg-laying activity to keep the colony viable.

The bees that have come through the winter are now some five months old (that is old for a worker bee) and they will progressively die off.

It is only worker bees (females) and the queen that inhabit the hive for the winter period, no males are required.

So spring is just around the corner, the eggs laid by the queen will become new bees and they will take at least three weeks to become fully functioning foragers.

It is the workers (the ladies) who do all the organising and foraging in a honeybee colony so female eggs, not male eggs, are given priority. Come April and May the male bee (drone) will begin to show.

To meet the demands of the winter period the

workers have spent many hours collecting pollen and nectar (it is nectar that is collected, not honey: the bees change nectar into honey).

All this work is not only to provide for the colony's daily needs, but to put by the food that will be required by the winter bees.

Shorter days will kick in, accompanied by lower temperatures and a reduction in flowers. Honeybees do not hibernate! But winter conditions can be such that external activity is not an option, hence there is a requirement for in-house food supplies.

The temperature of the hive is regulated by the bees at all times of the year. Provided that adequate stores are available there is a good chance that the colony will come through, whatever winter can throw at them.

Pollinators of all kinds now face extinction thanks to the activities of homo sapiens (our good selves). Perhaps we should pay attention to the following quote:

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RESERVISTS AND CADETS COMMENDED FOR 'VERY BEST DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT'

THE Queen's representative for South Glamorgan believes Reservists and Cadets have 'the very best dedication and commitment' and has honoured their work in local communities.

Lord Lieutenant Mrs Morfudd Meredith was speaking at her annual awards ceremony recently at which she singled out 11 members of the Armed Forces community for their outstanding achievements over the last year.

She said: "Tonight presents the opportunity to recognise the excellent work of the Reserve Forces and Cadets in South Glamorgan. The Reserve Forces have made a huge contribution worldwide over the past year, they are a part of our community and we are immensely proud of them."

"We are all fiercely proud of your achievements and you deserve the greatest credit for your accomplishments."

"The cadets are in inspiration to all organisations. The programme of military themed training, youth work, civilian qualifications and community work assists young people to develop,

progress and prepare for their future careers and adulthood. These young people are our future and their cadet experiences help them realise their full potential. They are role models for other young people."

Staff Sergeant Lee Hutchinson from 580 (Glamorgan) Transport Squadron Royal Logistic Corps has ensured the fitness of more than 20 children in his local area.

He volunteers as a coach at Bridgend Amateur Boxing Club and his dedication was recognised with the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Service.

The same award was also presented to Lieutenant Jenifer Green from Dyfed and Glamorgan Army Cadet Force (ACF), who started with no previous military experience to thrive at Barry Detachment, where she has raised more than £13,000 for charity and led the development of young people.

Dyfed and Glamorgan ACF's Sergeant Major Instructor Stephen Thorne and No 1 Welsh Wing RAF Air Cadets' Flight Sergeant Lisa Shires from Barry also received the Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Service for their effort and expertise invested in future generations.

"The strength of the Armed Forces community

is further strengthened by the 4,400 Cadets in Wales and the 1,200 volunteers."

They include 17-year-old pair Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Bradley Cartwright from Cardiff and Cadet Sergeant Rhys Horton from Barry, as well as 16-year-old Able Cadet Matthew Staite from Penarth Sea Cadet Corps.

The trio have excelled in areas ranging from engineering to Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and fundraising for charity.

Their achievements have stood them in good stead to join the Lord Lieutenant at official engagements, such as Royal visits and Remembrance services as the country marks the centenary of the First World War's end.

Almost 100 people attended the event at Ty Walter Cleall in Cardiff, which is a special occasion in the calendar of the organisers, the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (RFCA) for Wales.

Colonel Nick Beard, chief executive of RFCA for Wales, said: "There are more than 2,200 Reservists in Wales, who are vital and valued members of the Defence family. This helps them gain transferable skills to boost their civilian lives.

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Dyfed and Glamorgan ACF's Cadet Sergeant Major William Peach, No 1 Welsh Wing RAF Air Cadets' Flight Sergeant Natasha Gill from Barry and No 3 Welsh Wing RAF Air Cadets' Flight Sergeant Benjamin Hibbs were presented with a certificate for serving as Lord Lieutenant's Cadets in 2017.

To learn more about opportunities available, visit www.Wales-RFCA.org or contact @RFCAforWales on Twitter.



HM Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan Mrs Morfudd Meredith with some of the award winners.



ABOVE:
Staff Sergeant Lee Hutchinson and HM Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan Mrs Morfudd Meredith.

Bridgend Youth crash out of Cup

Crymych Youth 18

Bridgend Athletic 0

(Welsh Youth Cup quarter final)

TWO undefeated sides, Crymych Youth and Bridgend Athletic Youth fought out a determined contest in the quarter final of the Welsh Youth Cup.

Unfortunately for the Athletic, without their injured Osprey academy players, captain and flanker Joe Graham, centres Caine Woolerton and Dan O'Sullivan and forward Rhys Durlucia, the Pembrokeshire side had too much fire power.

They prevailed by taking their two scoring opportunities through wing Dafydd Griffiths and full back Rhodri George in an 18-0 victory.

The Athletic threw everything they had at Crymych in the first half but were unable to break down a well drilled and organised team.

The home side dominated the second half and deserved their passage to the semi-finals.

The Athletic will now look to emulate last year's Athletic Youth team and win the Ospreys A league, which will pit them against the other regional league winners where they could win the Welsh League Cup for a second consecutive season.

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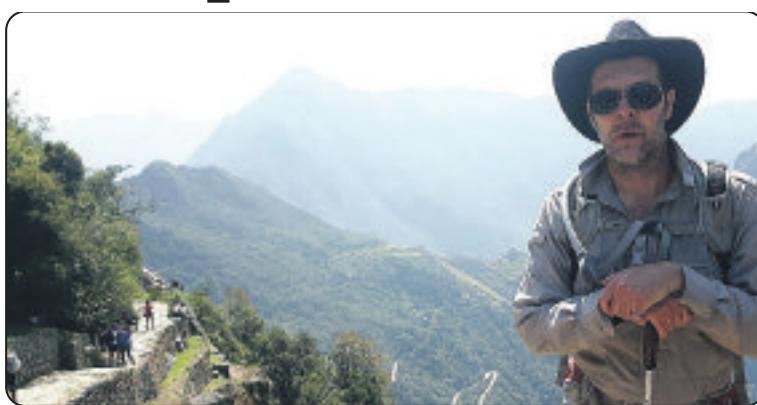
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Join Rhod on a trek to Nepal for Velindre



Rhod Gilbert in Peru – in February next year he plans a trek in Nepal.

FOLLOWING a very successful trek through Peru to the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu last September, comedian Rhod Gilbert will once again be pulling on his trekking boots as he prepares for his next challenge, a five day hike through the Helambu region of Nepal – and you could join him!

Taking place in February 2019, the stunning ancient kingdom of Nepal is home to some of the world's highest mountains.

The trek will once again raise funds for Wales' premier cancer centre, Velindre where Rhod is a patron.

He said: "Following hugely successful treks up Mount Kilimanjaro, through Patagonia and to Machu Picchu in Peru, I am now preparing for my next challenge: a five day hike through the Helambu region of Nepal.

"So in a year's time on February 9, I'll once again be leading a trek in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre – and you can join me.

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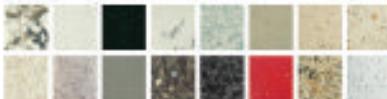


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Consultation aims to find a parliament that works for Wales – plan for more AMs

PEOPLE across Wales are being encouraged to respond to new proposals to 'reshape Welsh democracy' published by the Assembly Commission recently.

The consultation has been drawn up in anticipation of new powers given to the Assembly in the Wales Act 2017. The Act gives the Assembly the power to make decisions in relation to the institution's size and how members are elected.

Last week, the Assembly voted in favour of the commission's decision to consult on the recommendations of the Expert Panel's report on Assembly Electoral Reform, 'A Parliament that Works for Wales'.

Following a detailed analysis of evidence, the panel recommended that the Assembly needs between 20 and 30 additional members elected through a more proportional electoral system with diversity at its heart. It also recommended lowering the minimum voting age for National Assembly elections to include 16 and 17-year-olds.

The consultation on the recommendations will run from February 12 for an eight-week period ending on April 6.

In addition to the recommendations made by the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform, the consultation also includes other potential changes to who can vote in Assembly elections and who can be an Assembly Member, as well as changes to the law relating to electoral administration and the Assembly's internal arrangements.

The commission has already consulted on changing the Assembly's name, and as a result of that consultation the name will be changed to Welsh Parliament.

The Llywydd, Elin Jones AM said: "The Wales Act 2017 marks the start of a new phase of devolution in Wales, giving us the opportunity to make profound changes to our legislature. We now have the opportunity to forge the national parliament that the people of Wales deserve to champion their interests."

"This consultation is the beginning of a conversation with the people and communities of Wales about the institution that they want their Welsh Parliament to be. I look forward to hearing their views."

There are a number of ways that people can let the Assembly Commission know what they think about the potential reforms:

Visit the consultation website at www.assembly.wales/futuresenedd, where they will find the full consultation document and an easy read version of the consultation document. They can either email your completed consultation form to AssemblyCommission.Consultations@assembly.wales, or post it to Freepost, National Assembly for Wales.

Visit the consultation microsite at www.futuresenedd.wales, and fill in an online survey. People can choose whether to answer questions on all of the proposals, or just the ones which interest them most.

Further information about the consultation and the regional events, including how to take part, will be available on the consultation website over the coming weeks.

'Women's Voices' at U3A

ON the anniversary of the Representation of People Act in 1918, when women over 30 and 'of property' achieved the right to vote, David Maddox gave a talk to Barry U3A on 'Women's Voices in the Valleys from 1900 to 1914'.

His talk did not centre on the fight for the right to vote, as women in the Valleys at that time usually had much more pressing issues on their minds.

Their menfolk mostly worked down the mines and it was the woman's job to ensure that they had a good meal and a bath to come home to.

In reality, a woman's role was to make a home for others, where families of 12 were not uncommon.

This was demanding and statistics showed the death rates for women at that time were much higher than for men. The constant childbearing and continuous housework took their toll.

Around 20 per cent of women worked outside the home, sometimes even at the pits themselves. Working as a shop assistant was very popular even though the pay was usually less, and a few women had jobs as 'white blouse girls', meaning they were clerical workers.

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The major employment for women at that time was in domestic service. Most girls were given 'training' in such domestic activities as washing, ironing and cooking in preparation for leaving home at around the age of 14. Many took jobs away from the Valleys or outside Wales.

Life was not all drudgery, however, and we should not think that women did not have some fun. While middle class women joined campaigns for the Suffragists, the vast majority of women looked for more entertaining activities.

Some became involved in the Temperance or Religious Revival movements, because these offered the chance to belong to a choir and put on concerts.

Women also enjoyed going to theatres, of which there were many. There was even roller skating and Sunday outings to Barry or Portcawl.

If you are no longer in full time employment or raising a family, then you are in your third age and new members are very welcome.

The next meeting takes place on Monday, March 5 at 2pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall, Harbour Road on the roundabout in Park Crescent. Contact Christine on 01446 701537.

Solar, so good at Barry Comprehensive School



Year-7 pupils with their solar systems.

BARRY Comprehensive School's year-7 pupils were asked to produce a piece of homework depicting the Solar System, a topic they had been studying as part of the science curriculum.

The young scientists were asked to produce their

own 'interpretations' of the Solar System from what they have learnt so far.

More than 40 pieces of work were produced and the department was inundated with various versions of the Solar System. Diagrams and models in one, two and three dimensions, and even a pixelated version made from Lego, were brought in. **AC**

Marie Curie Hospice needs volunteers

THE Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale Hospice at Holme Towers, Penarth, is appealing for volunteers to give two hours of their time to hand out the charity's iconic daffodil pins in the local community, in return for donations.

The charity is hoping to get more people than ever wearing the daffodil pin during its annual fundraiser – the Great Daffodil Appeal.

The charity's local fundraising group is hosting collections in Cowbridge from Saturday, February 24 until Saturday, March 3.

The money raised will help Marie Curie be there for more people living with a terminal illness, providing them and their loved ones with vital nursing care and support.

Marie Curie community fundraiser for Cardiff and the Vale, Hannah Leckie, said: "Volunteering to collect donations in return for daffodil pins is a fun and easy way to get involved in the local community."

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The Potted Gardener with Sara Milne Ever thought of growing veggies in garden pots?



ABOVE: Most people think you need an allotment or a space in your garden to grow vegetables, but that isn't necessarily the case.

If you have ever thought about growing vegetables in pots, now is the time to give it a go!

There is a huge variety of vegetables that can be grown in containers or smaller spaces to make 'growing your own' accessible to everyone. Some of the best veg to grow are beetroot, broad beans, carrots, dwarf French beans, herbs, peas, potatoes, radishes, rocket, runner beans, chillies and peppers, salad leaves, salad onions, salad turnips and tomatoes.

It's just a question of right veg, right sized pot.

Choose large deep pots to grow root vegetables such as potatoes and carrots, and shallower ones for beetroot and onions.

Vigorous growing veg such as courgettes, tomatoes and beans need large pots filled with good compost to accommodate their roots. Lettuce and herbs can be grown in window boxes.

Containers can dry out very quickly so need frequent watering. Beware of over-watering as well. The way to test if you've got it right is to put a finger in the compost – if it's slightly moist just below the surface it's spot on.

Use compost specially designed for containers as it will hold onto water better and have the extra nutrients added to get your plants off to a good start.

Things to look out for when choosing the right one are soil and loam-based composts, extra nutrients, plant food and water-retaining granules. Most multi-purpose composts are fine, or a soil-based compost such as John Innes No3.

PACT MEETINGS

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

Dyfan PACT will be held on Sunday, February 25 at Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk, Barry, at 7pm.

Meet your local officer at Penarth Police Station on Thursday, February 22 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

For the greatest choice of plants, grow from seed, but if you don't buy much too much about the variety, buy ready grown plants or plug plants from garden centres or mail-order suppliers. If growing from seed, check the instructions on the packet.

Seed sowing time may vary depending on the crop but the main growing season for vegetables is from early spring to autumn.

Don't forget to feed your crops on a regular basis. Pot grown veg run out of nutrients due to the limited amount of soil they have to grow in, so a feed of general-purpose liquid fertiliser should be applied every couple of weeks.

Finally, make sure you position your pots so they are in the best location for their growing needs. Most vegetable plants like lots of sun, so it's important to site your containers where they will receive a good few hours of direct light a day. South or west facing locations are the best.

Climbers such as beans or peas can't cope with windy or exposed spaces, so a sheltered spot suits them best against walls or fences.

If pots and containers are just part of your outside space then here are some gardening tips for this month from the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society)...

Sow vegetable seeds and plant potatoes; protect new spring shoots from slugs; plant summer-flowering bulbs; feed containers with fresh compost; mow the lawn on dry days (if needed).

Cut back winter shrubs and keep your eyes peeled for weeds starting to come through; start conserving water, re-pot houseplants and prune bush and climbing roses.

Sara the gardener

A police surgery will be held at Llantwit Major Primary School between 10.30am and 11.30am on Thursday, March 1.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

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Woman becomes boss of the Royal Mint

THE Royal Mint today appointed Anne Jessopp as its new chief executive and Deputy Master of the Mint.

She will lead work to provide Britain with its cutting-edge secure currency and will also develop the commemorative coin and bullion arm of the business.

On a visit to the Royal Mint, the Exchequer Secretary officially confirmed Anne Jessopp's appointment – the first female to take up the role in the Royal Mint's 1,100 year history.

Speaking of her new appointment, the Deputy Master of the Mint, Anne Jessopp said: "I am delighted to be appointed to lead this unique and important British organisation."

"The Royal Mint has an impressive history of over 1,100 years and its longevity is due to its ability to adapt as society changes."

"This was never truer than today, as we reinterpret the Royal Mint for the 21st century, building on the values that have been at the heart of the organisation throughout our history – authenticity, security, precious metals, craftsmanship and design."

"I have had the privilege of working for the Royal Mint for almost 10 years and it is testament to the great colleagues and opportunities I have had, that I have been able to develop the skills that enable me to take on this role."

The Exchequer to the Secretary to the Treasury, Robert Jenrick, welcomed the appointment and said: "Anne Jessopp brings a wealth of expertise to this role. With her decade of experience at the Royal Mint, I am confident she will ensure the UK continues to have the most secure currency in the world, and our coins are loved and collected the world over."

"It may have taken over 1,000 years, but the Mint is now finally led by a woman, and I am certain Anne will do a great job."

What does the Deputy Master of the Mint do?

As chief executive of the Royal Mint, Anne will be tasked with running the Great British institution which produces up to 90 million coins every week. At the top of her in-tray will be overseeing the introduction of the new 50 pence coin, announced last week, to mark the centenary celebrations of women's suffrage.

Her official position as Deputy Master of the Mint is one that is steeped in history. Her first ceremonial role will be to lead the annual Trial of the Pyx.

First held in 1282, the Trial of the Pyx tests the integrity of the nation's coins, ensuring that they are

the proper weight and size, and contain the right amount of precious metals.

Every February, coins of each denomination struck by the Royal Mint are selected at random and locked away in the Pyx chests.

In a ceremony, which has not changed since before Henry VIII's reign, the Deputy Master of the Mint brings these chests to London's Goldsmiths' Hall, where the coins are checked by an independent jury.

The jury consists of leaders from the financial world and six assayers from the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths who, wearing traditional red robes, put the coins to the test.

After two months of rigorous testing, the trial reconvenes and the Queen's Remembrancer asks the jury for its verdict.

In May, this verdict will be given in the presence of the Deputy Master of The Royal Mint and the Chancellor of the Exchequer (or a representative).

Remarkably, the history books reveal that if the coins fail the test, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is the ceremonial Master of the Mint, risks losing a hand as punishment.

It should be made clear that in the trial's long history, 94 Minters have had their right hands cut off by order of the King.

However, this has not happened for hundreds of years.

Art exhibition is a family affair

THE current exhibition in Old Hall, Cowbridge is by a husband and wife team from Penarth, both of whom are members of VOGA, the society for professional artists and craftspeople in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Geraldus John is a writer, poet and freelance artist originally from west Wales who now works predominantly in oils and mixed media and whose works have close links with music and industry.

Shirley Anne Owen uses mixed media on paper and canvas to create landscapes and drawings and is a member of the Welsh Group of artists; she has many works in private collections in the UK and abroad.

The exhibition runs until March 1.

'We must tackle the stigma surrounding mental health issues'



ABOVE: Andrew RT Davies joins Andrew Templeton and his team to support the #IAMWHOLE campaign.

MORE support must be provided for people affected by mental health issues in Wales, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies recently visited the YMCA at their Cardiff base – to discuss the support they provide with chief executive Andrew Templeton.

The #IAMWHOLE campaign aims to encourage young people to challenge harmful language and negative stigma surrounding mental health – and encourage others to speak out and seek help.

Last week in the Senedd Welsh Conservatives tabled a motion calling on the Welsh Government to provide better mental health support in Wales, which received cross-party backing.

Welcoming the Welsh Government's support for

the motion Mr Davies paid tribute to AMs who spoke of personal experiences during the debate.

Mr Davies said: "Mental health issues are as important as physical ones – but because we cannot see them they do not always get treated with equal prominence.

"It's vital we change this and provide those affected with the support they need."

"I'm therefore very grateful to the team at the YMCA for taking the time to meet and discuss the excellent work they have been doing."

"I am delighted to support their #IAMWHOLE campaign, which seeks to tackle the stigma surrounding mental health."

"I welcome the cross-party support last week's debate received – and I look forward to continuing to work to improve mental health provision in Wales."

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Pencoed RFC win a 'battle of attrition' with Taibach



No TMO issues as Tom Cross grounds the ball for a try.
(All photos by Julie Hancock).

PENCOED RFC 15 v 10 TAIBACH

WITH postponements and internationals it was perhaps understandable that both sides would be rusty.

Adam Williams started well enough, however, slotting a penalty after two minutes. The next 28 minutes of play took place between the two 22 metre lines before centre Tom Cross chipped ahead and just about won the race to the touchdown, scoring just to the left of the posts. This allowed Adam Williams to duly add the extras.

The score seemed to galvanise Pencoed and on 33 minutes, following good approach play, Liam Callaghan found himself clear 15 metres out. He galloped over, scoring wide out but the

conversion failed.

On 38 minutes, Taibach got their act together and following excellent handling by the backs, their right winger was put clear and ended the move scoring under the posts. The conversion was successful leaving a half time score of 15-7.

The second half turned out to be one of attrition, with both defences to the fore. Taibach kicked a successful penalty on 67 minutes and spent the rest of the game battering the Pencoed try line.

With a combination of resolute defence and Taibach ill-discipline, they could not get another all-important score, leaving Pencoed the winners of this nailbiting match 15-10.

Pencoed's next fixture is away to Morrison on March 3.

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Mal Reece makes a tackle.



Man of the match Kyle Barrett.

Phoenix newcomers shine at Gorseinon

PENCOED Phoenix returned to winning ways with this comfortable win against a plucky Gorseinon side who had depleted numbers on the day.

Phoenix skipper Amy Stevens, returning from a five months' injury absence, showed she had not lost her way to the try line, crossing in a determined manner after 10 minutes.

The Phoenix front row of Lucy Cahill, Lowri O'Raw, and Elleri Harries Thomas were dominant at the set scrummage and with second row Rachel Jones ensuring lineout possession, the new-look Phoenix threequarters were given an abundance of ball to play with.

Phoenix soon got their second try with back row forward Rachel Dark showing good hands to link with her backs who handled accurately to put left wing Lisa Hughes over in the corner, much to her obvious delight.

Phoenix almost got a third try on the stroke of the interval, Cahill adjudged held up over the home line.

In the second half, Phoenix were swiftly out of the blocks with Stevens going on an arcing run before skirting the touchline for some 35 metres, with the match official in close attendance, before diving over in the corner for a fine try.

Further Phoenix scrum pressure then got its reward, with Charlotte Mundy playing at outside half, capitalising on loose possession from the retreating home scrum.

Gorseinon Ladies 0
Pencoed Phoenix 32.

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Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. To what bird family do the blackbird and robin belong?
2. What is an alcoholic spirit distilled from what vegetable?
3. Which river flows into the Dead Sea?

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Answers:	1. Thrush family.
	2. Potato.
	3. The Jordan.

Maesteg Quins tested by Tondu, but they still remain unbeaten



Matthew Morgan is tackled.



Josh Tatchell makes a break.
All photographs by Gareth Anthony.



James Goss on the charge.

TONDU 8 MAESTEG QUINS 24
IF the Quins came to Tondu expecting a walk in the park the home side soon dispelled that notion.

Tondu were clearly the sharper side in the opening exchanges and will be disappointed that they were unable to make their advantage show on the scoreboard.

A penalty from outside half Rhodri Davies put the Quins into the lead before Josh Tatchell slotted one for the home side.

There were some dubious refereeing decisions throughout the encounter and Tondu will feel the most aggrieved out of the two sides. There was no further scoring in the first half and the Quins will feel relieved to be on level terms at 3-3.

The second half could not have started any worse for the home side when No 8 Michael Owen charged through some poor tackling to put Maesteg Quins into the lead. Davies added the conversion and the visitors were in front, much against the run of play.

Their second try was a complete fluke midway

through the half. A poor drop goal attempt from Rhodri Davies ended up going out wide on the right and luckily for the Quins, but devastating for Tondu, the ball bounced over the winger's head allowing Jay Ronan in for the try.

Just a minute later the game was put to bed by the Quins when scrum half Ben Davies raced down the left to score in the corner, Davies again adding the extra points.

Despite this, Tondu never gave up and pressed the Quins right up till the final whistle when they were rewarded with a try for hooker Jake Lewis, and they continued to press into the dying moments.

Maesteg Quins maintain their unbeaten start to the season but today they were certainly tested and Tondu can take credit for that. Their performance will surely give them confidence for the remainder of the season.

There is now another Six Nations break before Tondu make the long journey to Kenfig Hill on Saturday, March 3. Report by Mike Sully

Photos by Gareth Anthony

Bridgend Quiz League results

THE latest results for the Bridgend Quiz League are as follows:

Crown Maesteg 49, Penybont FC Nomads 52; Five Bells A 41, TyRisha Royals 52; Tondu Railway Club 48, Laleston Inn A 46; Oddfellows Arms Bettws 34, Pheasant Poachers 49; Laleston Inn B 45, Prince of Wales Coychurch 41; Chatterton Shunters 45, Five Bells B 47; Pheasant Gamekeepers 58, Cabo Roche 36.

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KARL'S ON A WINNING STREAK AFTER 5 STONE WEIGHT LOSS!

ABARRY slimmer who used his own weight-loss to help others to shed the pounds has been shortlisted in a national competition.

Karl Payne, who runs the Cadoxton Moors Slimming World group, was invited to the organisation's head office as part of its national Consultant Slimmer of the Year competition.

Karl, who has lost an incredible 5 stone, was just one of 30 consultants from across the UK and Ireland to win a place at the semi-finals. Every single one of Slimming World's 4,800 consultants have lost weight with the organisation themselves, giving them a unique understanding of the struggles slimmers often face.

At his heaviest, Karl weighed almost 16 stone and found both his health and confidence were beginning to suffer. So in June 2016, the 44-year-old joined his local Slimming World group.

He started following Slimming World's Food Optimising healthy eating plan and says: "Being able to lose weight without feeling hungry seemed too good to be true. I'm living proof that filling up on healthy foods like fruit and veg, pasta, potatoes and lean meats really does work."

"I was nervous when I first walked through the door of my Slimming World group, but it was without doubt one of the best decisions I've ever made. My whole life is completely different.

"Before I lost weight, I didn't do any real exercise. Slimming World helped me to become much more active too and now I run regularly. I love running so much that I successfully competed in nine local running events throughout 2017, including the Cardiff Half Marathon."

After losing 5st and reaching his target weight of 10st 7.5lb in March 2017, Karl decided to train to become a Slimming World Consultant himself.

Now he supports 65 slimmers at his group in Barry, which is held every Monday at 5.30pm at Cadoxton Moors Community Centre, rear of Edmund Place, Barry, CF63 2NX.

He says: "Before I lost the weight I could never have imagined having the confidence to try new things."

"My worries about my weight almost consumed me and I found it very difficult to do many of the

things I used to enjoy, like playing with my children, going out for meals, wearing fashionable clothes, dressing up for nights out."

"Since joining Slimming World, I might have lost weight, yet I've gained so much more. Bags of confidence, a new zest for life and, of course, my own business!"

"My consultant was such a key part of my journey that the opportunity to do something for people in a similar situation just seemed perfect."

"I honestly feel as though I have the best job in the world, and to have reached the semi-finals of the competition as well is just a dream come true."

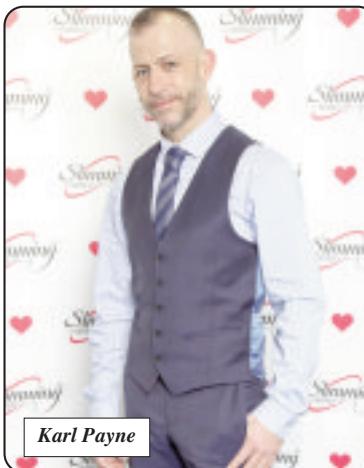
Karl's weight loss put him in the running for Slimming World's Consultant Slimmer of the Year 2018 competition, which was open to all of the club's consultants who have lost weight in the last 12 months.

He attended the finals at the club's head office in Derbyshire on February 4 and was presented with a certificate and gift by Slimming World's CEO, Carly Richards. Unfortunately, Karl was not the overall winner of the competition, but he did walk away feeling 10ft tall, feeling like a winner!

Everyone is welcome at the Barry Slimming World Group; for further information, visit www.slimmingworld.co.uk or call Karl on 07411 621 866.



The same man, but different faces.



Karl Payne



Back in the old days....

Vale MP defends economic record

THE UK Government has delivered on promises to help finance further growth in the Welsh economy, says Alun Cairns.

land tax and landfill tax from April, in addition to the Welsh rate of income tax next year, the Welsh Government will be able to raise more of their own funding through taxes.

"That will make the Welsh Government—and the Assembly in general—much more accountable to the people they serve."

Mr Cairns said that in the autumn Budget the UK Government adjusted the Welsh

Government's block grant to take that into account, and the Welsh Government had welcomed the change at the time.

"In accordance with the agreement, the Welsh Government have the means to grow the Welsh economy, to attract investment, to maintain public services and to support hard-working people across Wales."

"Following the devolution of stamp duty

Mr Cairns said that in the autumn Budget the UK Government adjusted the Welsh

Government's block grant to take that into account, and the Welsh Government had welcomed the change at the time.

He said the Budget

also included specific measures that will be of benefit to Wales, continuing for instance to support the Cardiff and Swansea city deals by investing £650 million over the next 20 years.

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William (Bill)

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HANMAN

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SIMS

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His funeral will take place on Friday, 2nd March 2018 at All Saints Church, Barry at 12 noon, followed by a service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Wales Kidney Research Unit.

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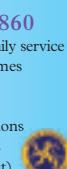
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FULGONI
Jean

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 18th February 2018, Jean, aged 89 years. Dearly loved wife of the late Tony, much loved mother of Angela, Mario and Bernadette. Cherished grandmother of Mariclaire, Gabrielle, Danielle, Alexander and Caterina, also loved great grandmother to Francesca, Dylan and Maximus.

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JAMES
John Horace

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LLOYD
John Michael

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 11th. Beloved husband of Adene. Memorial service Thursday, March 1st at Ramoth UFC, Cowbridge at 12.15pm. Family flowers only.

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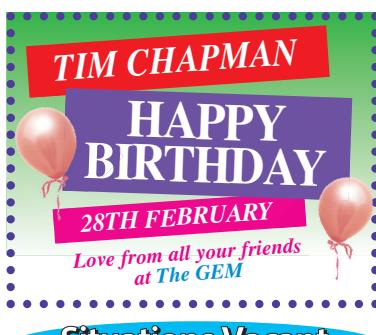
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by Brian Keitch

THE opening of Penarth Docks in 1865 was the first step in the creation of the town of Penarth but it was not until February 20, 1878 that a railway was built to the town itself.

From the station's position one assumes that the town was expected to extend further south - which eventually it did for the new railway station attracted few shops and businesses to its quarter of the town. All that lay ahead was a few hamlets and farms.

When the southward expansion did come it was in the form of residential development, and Glebe Street and Windsor Road remained the shopping centre of Penarth.

The arrival of the railway in the town was greeted with celebrations, but as the South Wales Gazette suggests, people in the 'centre' of the town were little concerned.

The report entitled *Opening of Penarth Railway* appeared in the Gazette on February 25, 1878 and included the following:

"This new line of railway was opened on Wednesday. During Tuesday and Tuesday night the officials of this company were kept busy in completing the necessary arrangements, and so successful were they that the opening passed off without a hitch or delay of any kind.

"The road over the railway,

West House, the station and the platform were gay with flags of all countries and colours. To enliven the proceedings, the band of the Penarth Rifles had been specially engaged, and just before the time advertised for starting the first train, put in an appearance led by Sergeant Instructor Parsons.

The Penarth Artillery Band under the leadership of Mr Paul Draper also attended. Both bands accompanied the train to Cardiff and back. The first train left Penarth at 7.35 and about that time the platform became crowded with a large number of people who intended to accompany it on its first journey.

A still much larger number congregated on the bridge over the railway, from which standpoint they had a good view of the line and platform.

"With Taff Vale Railway punctuality, the train consisting of five carriages was set in motion.

The engine driver resigned his post for the time being in favour of Mr R Forrest, agent of the Windsor estate, who as representative of Lord Windsor, thus had the honour of driving the first passenger train from Penarth to Cardiff.

Penarth Dock station was reached by 7.40 and Cardiff by 7.50. The train left Cardiff for the return journey at 8.30 and arrived at Penarth at 8.45. On alighting the passengers at the instigation of Mr DT Alexander gave three

cheers for the success of the new railway, and three cheers for Mr Forrest, to whose exertions much of the success attending the completion of the line is due.

The following officials attended the opening - Messrs J Hurman, traffic superintendent, J Edwards, E Edwards, J Riches, Leyshon and E Strange of the Taff Vale Railway, and Mr Allen of the Great Western Railway. The Rev C Parsons, the rector, and a large number of gentlemen and tradesmen of the place accompanied the train, which was run free.

The guard was Richard Carpenter and the engine driver, Daniel Thomas. A banquet in honour of the event, which a large number of gentlemen attended was given at the Penarth Hotel in the evening and to this agents of the Windsor Estate and the officials of the Taff Vale Railway, who had assisted in the opening of the line were invited."

The line to Penarth was doubled a few years later - the station expended to no fewer than four platforms on the opening of the line to Lavernock, Sully and Cadoxton in 1887 (plus a fifth - excursion platform).

In addition facilities were made for goods, carriages and locomotives. Now Penarth station has but one platform, but trains every 15 minutes throughout the day.

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Bridgend Sports junior round-up

UNDER-7S

IT was great to see the rain holding off for the Bridgend Sports under-7s to enjoy a 'tag tactic' morning against Kenfig Hill.

While the overall score saw Kenfig Hill win, a fabulous effort was made by all the team. A big improvement was seen in the passing, much to the delight of the coaches.

The game saw some excellent tries. Ollie Balmer was top try scorer with four fantastic tries and five tags. Three further tries were scored throughout the game, and a speedy run by Tyler Pascoe resulted in a great try, as well as two tags.

Leo showed a great presence throughout the game scoring a brilliant try and three tags. Ellis Kendall was on fire with a great try and six tags.

Bailey, Seb and Mikey were always among the action and defended fiercely. Top tagger was Archie Hall with 13 tags. Isaac had a brilliant game getting 'stuck in' at every opportunity - we saw four great tags from him. Oscar Gee had an amazing game - you could tell he turned seven! He was running quickly, passing well and bagged himself four tags.

The scoresheet is a pleasure to review, a real team effort with achievements from everyone.

Player of the game was awarded to Oscar Gee for his improvement, speed and overall efforts.

Most improved player was awarded to the speedy Leo D'Adamo, who not only had a great game today, but he has been consistent in his achievements and always gives 100 per cent every week.

UNDER-8S

Bridgend Sports 23 Kenfig Hill 28

THERE was some great passing and good tagging all round.

The under-8s played some great rugby with everyone working well together.

There were tries from Dan Perriman, Rafferty Williams, Kayden Jones, AJ Cawley, Gethin Jones, Zack Hughes, Dan Flower, Max Hearing, Harry Trevelyan and Rhys Evans.

Player of the week goes to Dan Flower.

UNDER-9S

Bridgend Sports 15 Kenfig Hill 45

SPORTS took a little while to get into this game, with the bigger opposition using their bulk to break through some suspect defence.

The Mules played a simple but effective game plan, hitting their big players up the middle before moving it wide for their flyers to run in unopposed.

However, all the Sports players today contributed, with Billy, Griff Lewis, Jayden Walters, Liam Sales and Stan McEvoy all putting in brave tackling performances.

With the ever-willing Leo Giraud, Gethin Evans and Harry Mallinson making some barn storming charges, they forced the opposition into dragging a few players in to try and stop them.

Quickly recycled ball allowed the likes of Noah

Roberts, Lucas Hostettler-Davies, Oskar Amerine, Ollie Alexandre, Cai Boucher and Will Howe to run the three-quarter line well.

Sports tries came courtesy of a brace from Leo Giraud and a try for today's Sports player of the match - Billy Carpenter-Davies.

UNDER-10S

Bridgend Sports 10 Kenfig Hill 55

THIS was a very hard game of rugby with the score not reflected by the score line against a strong and well drilled Kenfig Hill under-10s team.

The Sports started the match well with some good hard rugby and surprised Kenfig Hill with the first try of the match by Charlie Paget, but Kenfig Hill came back straight away with a few more tries. The Sports carried on fighting every ruck and also won plenty of Kenfig Hill's ball with good counter rucking.

The second half was much of the same, with Charlie scoring a well-deserved second try, but it was fantastic to see all 11 players play good hard rugby and see what the coaches have been trying to do in training going onto the field of play.

The player of the week went to Joe Perriman for an outstanding all round performance.

UNDER-11S

Sports 33 Kenfig Hill 14

A SCRAPPY win today against tough opposition as we would expect against the Mules.

We know the Mules are going to be aggressive but our notorious slow start appeared again this morning with Kenfig winning the contact area.

The game could not have started more perfectly. Sports kicked off the game, chased and made an excellent tackle. They then turned over the ball and Rhys Anthony scored the first try of the morning.

The rest of the first half Sports struggled to keep hold of the ball in the wet conditions and were second best in the ruck area.

The Mules scored a well worked try, going wide and exploiting the space as the Sports defence were too narrow. Sports struck back with Sam Gardner charging down a kick to score a try. The Mules finished strongly, scoring the final try of the half. All tries were converted 14-14.

In the second half we controlled the game much better with more patience and the rucking was much more aggressive, enabling us to have more ball. Three more tries were scored through Dominic John, Dan Harris and Jack Spurday. Jack also converted two of the three tries in the second half.

Well done to Jack, Dan, Tom, Rhys, Tyler, Eli, Dylan, Deacon, Curtis, Lewis, Dom, Sam King, Sam Gardner, Toby and Evan.

UNDER-12S

Bridgend Sports 31 Cambrian Welfare 7

TRY scorers for the Sports were Tom Chick who scored a hat trick, Callum Lewis and Cian John. There were three conversions by Callum Jones.

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Wayne makes it 350 not out for Athletic

WAYNE FOOKS, the daddy of the first team, made his 350th senior appearance for the Athletic in the 20-8 victory against Aberavon Quins.

This club legend has the most Athletic appearances for a forward and stands second only to current coach Stuart Morris, who has 458 senior appearances on the all-time Athletic senior appearances list.

Two of the current Athletic coaching team – backs coach Stuart and forwards coach David Williams – played alongside Wayne earlier in his career.

Having played in most of the club age group teams, Wayne played youth before 20 seasons ago, in 1998, he made his first senior appearance. He has played 281 times for the 1st XV and 69 for the 2nd XV.

Wayne has seen the club progress from the old Division 5 through to the championship, and currently doing well in Division 1 West Central, holding off the challenge of many club props of far greater stature than him. Not many opposing props have out scrummed him.

Remarkably he came back from a double ankle and leg fracture in a championship game at Narbeth two seasons ago. He has crossed for 29 tries and has 145 points to his name.

Wayne remembers playing in a Silver Ball final with the likes of Lee Byrne, Stuart Morris, Robert Coles, Gareth Bartlett and Lee Graham in the same team.

He is a very popular player and person with everybody associated with club to which he has given so much. This was duly recognised when he was once awarded clubman of the year. He

is also among a handful of players awarded an Athletic cap.

Wayne coached the mini and juniors, tracking his son Brandon (now with the Youth Rags) through the age groups from under-7 to under-16. He is now on a second cycle coaching the under-7s, currently the team in which his daughter Lauren plays.

Team manager Paul Hearne, added: "Wayne, or 'Wayne the train' as he has become known to his team mates, is without doubt an integral part of the 1st XV as well as the club. He is a clubman through and through and to play so many games is a testament to his dedication and fitness. He is a secret trainer seen in a gymnasium most mornings!"

"Wayne is the only human being I know who can eat his own bodyweight in pies and pasties and still be able to train and play! Seriously, he is a credit to Bridgend Athletic RFC and long may he continue playing for us."

Forwards coach David Williams, remarked: "Wayne has been great to coach. To play in the demanding position of prop forward for so long is a massive achievement."

Backs coach and the only former Ath player with more appearances (458) than Wayne, Stuart Morris, perfectly summed up Wayne: "For me, he is an exceptional club man, a very good trainer who, over the years, has become a cornerstone of the 1st team side/squad."

"A mark of his commitment to Bridgend Athletic, is returning from a career-threatening injury at the age of 37 to retain his position in the first team. He is a credit to our club, his family and himself."

Adrian Burt



Wayne Fooks tackling against Aberavon Quins.



Wayne Fooks playing against Aberavon Quins.

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Young Rhoose boxer takes record to three wins out of four

LAST Friday, February 16, Rhoose ABC came away with a win from a show put on by Pentine Boxing Club in Newbridge.

That victory came from 12-year-old Brandon Harris (48kg), who was on good form.

Brandon continuously put his opponent under pressure by coming forward in all three rounds.

With head coach Michael Smyth

away on National Squad training duties, coach Wayne Cummins was in the corner with the 12-year-old fighter.

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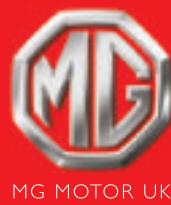
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14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line 5dr 4-Matic, 18"alloys, reverse camera, 27k, white, half-leather **£18995**



MERCEDES WARRANTY OCT 2018

15 65 MERCEDES A200 CDI Sport Edition 5dr, cruise, reverse camera, met blue with full leather **£14495**



WHITE ROTORS

14 14 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI Tech GT 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, full leather, met red **£10995**



MINI WARRANTY SEPT 2019

16 66 MINI CLUBMAN 2.0 D COOPER 6dr, sat nav, chilli pack, 10k, white **£14295**



VW WARRANTY JULY 2019

16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotion Tech GTI 3dr, VW warranty July 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 12k, black **£20495**



BMW WARRANTY APRIL 2019

14 64 BMW 118 2.0 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, 18"alloys, m sport pack, xenons, PDC, 29k, red **£12495**



WHITE ROTORS

14 14 CITROEN GRAND C4 PICASSO 1.6 E-HDI Airdream VTR+ 5dr (7-seater) Blue, wheel, cruise, pdc **£9995**



BMW WARRANTY APRIL 2019

16 16 BMW 535 D M Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty April 2019, M Sport plus pack, sat nav, 19"alloys, electric sunroof, 10k, choice **£22995**



WHITE ROTORS

15 15 BMW 420 D Sport 2dr coupe, BMW warranty March 2018, sat nav, 18"alloys, Bluetooth, black, full leather **£15995**



MINI WARRANTY JULY 2018

15 15 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 COOPER S ALL4 5dr (Sport & TLC pack) MINI warranty July 2018, Bluetooth, USB, 22k, blue, full leather **£15995**



KIA WARRANTY NOV 2021

14 64 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-1 5dr AWD, Kia warranty Nov 2019, Bluetooth, USB, cruise, 27k, white **£11995**

15 64 AUDI A1 1.4 TSI S-Line 5dr, 17"alloys, Bluetooth, 15k, blue, full leather **£13995**

14 64 AUDI A3 1.2 T FSI Sport 5dr S-Tronic, Bluetooth, DAB, AMI, 23k, black **£13495**

16 16 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Quattro Sport 4dr, Audi warranty April 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18"alloys, 13k, white **£16995**

14 64 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Sport 4dr, sat nav, DAB, AMI, white **£11995**

14 64 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI S-Line 2dr Cabriolet, 19"alloys, sat nav, 13k, white, full leather **£17995**

16 66 AUDI A5 2.0 TDI Black Edition Plus Quattro 5dr S-Tronic, Audi warranty, Oct 2019, sat nav, 19"alloys, 12k, misano red, full leather **£24495**

12 12 AUDI A6 2.0 TDI S-Line 4dr, sat nav, heated seats, cruise, ice silver, full leather **£12495**

14 64 AUDI Q3 2.0 TDI S-Line Plus Quattro 5dr, sat nav, 19"alloys, privacy glass, 31k, met brown, half leather **£18495**

15 65 AUDI TT 2.0 TDI Sport Ultra 3dr Coupe, Audi warranty Sep 2018, 18"alloys, Bluetooth, 3k, white, half leather **£19995**

15 65 AUDI TT 2.0 T FSI S-Line Quattro Roadster 2dr S-Tronic, Audi warranty Sep 2018, sat nav, 19"alloys, grey, full leather **£23995**

12 12 AUDI TT 2.0 TDI Quattro Black Edition 2dr Coupe, 19"alloys, cruise, comfort pack in met grey **£12995**

14 14 BMW X4 XDRIVE 30D M Sport 5dr automatic, M Sport + pack, pro nav, 20"alloys, 20k, choice, full leather **£28995**

16 16 BMW X3 20D X-Line XDRIVE 5dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20"alloys, sat nav, head-up display, 19k, full leather, choice, full leather **£26995**

16 16 BMW 740 D M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2018, 20"alloys, sat nav, 21k, full leather, choice **£20995**

15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20"alloys, sat nav, head-up display, Harman Kardon, 21k, grey, full leather **£23995**

13 13 BMW 640 DSE 2dr coupe automatic, 20"alloys, soft close doors, reverse camera, sat nav, 31k, blue, full leather **£19995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20"alloys, sat nav, head-up display, Harman Kardon, 21k, grey, full leather **£24995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20"alloys, sat nav, head-up display, 19k, full leather, choice **£26995**

16 16 BMW 740 D M Sport XDRIVE 4dr automatic (315 BHP), BMW warranty June 2019, Premium package, 20"alloys, head-up display, electric glass sunroof, 18k, white, full leather **£44995**

14 14 BMW X3 20D SE XDRIVE 5dr automatic, pro nav, 17"alloys, choice, full leather **£15995**

15 65 BMW X3 2.0 DM Sport 5dr automatic, widescr navigation, 20"alloys, heated seats, 8k, black with full leather **£26995**

15 65 BMW X4 XDRIVE 30D M Sport 5dr automatic, M Sport + pack, pro nav, 20"alloys, 20k, choice, full leather **£28995**

16 16 BMW X4 30D X-Line XDRIVE 5dr automatic, BMW warranty May 2019, sat nav, heated seats, DAB, 26k, choice, full leather **£27995**

16 16 BMW X5 30D M Sport XDRIVE 5dr automatic, 20"alloys, surround view, sat nav, reverse camera, white, full leather **£36995**

14 14 BMW X6 30D XDRIVE 5dr automatic, sat nav, 20"alloys, dynamic pack, black, full oyster leather **£24495**

15 14 CITROEN DS3 1.6 VTi DSTYLE Plus 3dr, 17"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 30k, yellow **£6995**

17 17 CITROEN GRAND C4 PICASSO 1.6 BLUEHDI Feel 5dr (7-seater) sat nav, cruise, 8k, met blue **£14995**

15 65 DS DS3 1.6 BlueHDI DSTYLE NAV 3dr, Citroen warranty Dec 2018, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 10k, choice **£8795**

16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18"alloys, met red, half leather **£11695**

16 65 DS DS5 1.6 BlueHDI Elegance 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, 18"alloys, pdc, met blue **£12495**

14 64 FIAT 500 1.2 S 3dr, black alloys, Bluetooth, 29k, met blue, half leather **£6295**

15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Cult 3dr, Fiat warranty Oct 2018, pan roof, Bluetooth, 15k, white, full red leather **£7995**

16 16 FIAT 500 1.2 Pop Star 3dr, air-con, alloys, 5k, choice **£7495**

15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Lounge 3dr, Fiat warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, pan roof, Bluetooth, 13k, black, full leather **£8495**

15 15 FIAT 500C 1.2 S 2dr convertible, Bluetooth, PDC, 24k, white, half leather **£7795**

15 15 FIAT 500X 1.4 MultiAir Lounge 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, 12k, art grey **£10995**

15 65 FORD ECOSPORT 1.0T ecoBOOST Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty Nov 2018, 17"alloys, cruise, 11k, choice, half leather **£9495**

15 15 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ecoBOOST Zetec 3dr, Ford warranty April 2018, aircon, alloys, 29k, red **£7495**

16 65 FORD FIESTA 1.0 T EcoBoost Red Edition 3dr, 17"alloys, privacy glass, Bluetooth, 13k, choice **£9995**

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Titanium X 5dr, Ford warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 13k, black **£10995**

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Zetec 5dr, Ford warranty Dec 2019, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB, 10k, white **£8795**

15 15 BMW 320 D Sport Estate, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, DAB, privacy glass, 19k, white **£16995**

15 15 BMW 320d EfficientDynamics BluePerformance Business Edition 4dr (163bhp), BMW warranty June 2018, 18"alloys, sat nav, 15k, black, full oyster leather **£16495**

16 16 BMW M235i 3.0 2dr convertible, BMW warranty March 2019, sat nav, PDC, silver, full leather **£23995**

14 64 BMW 220 D M Sport 2dr (190bhp), sat nav, 18"alloys, Bluetooth, privacy glass, M rear spoiler, 38k, choice, full leather **£17995**

14 64 BMW 318 D M Sport Estate automatic, Bluetooth, 19"alloys, 19k, estoril blue, full leather **£17495**

13 63 BMW 320 D M Sport 4dr, sat nav, 19"alloys, heated seats, privacy glass, estoril blue, full leather **£13995**

14 64 BMW 320 D M Sport GranTurismo 5dr, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, 26k, black, full leather **£17495**

16 16 BMW 320 D Sport Estate, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, heated seats, 21k, blue, full leather **£16995**

15 15 BMW 330 D Luxury Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty July 2018, sat nav, 19"alloys, electric sunroof, 30k, black, full oyster leather **£18995**

15 15 BMW 330 D Luxury Sport 4dr automatic, BMW warranty July 2018, sat nav, 19"alloys, electric sunroof, 30k, black, full oyster leather **£18995**

16 16 BMW 335d M Sport XDRIVE Estate automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2016, 19"alloys, sat nav, Harman Kardon, 12k, estoril blue, full leather **£24995**

15 15 BMW 420 IM Sport Gran Coupe 5dr, 19"alloys, widescr sat nav, heated seats, 21k, in white with full black leather **£19995**

14 64 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr convertible automatic, 19"alloys, sat nav, xenons, full leather, 18k, choice **£19995**

15 65 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr automatic (190 BHP), M sport plus pack, 19"alloys, Harman Kardon, wide screen nav, full leather, 21k, choice **£20995**

15 65 BMW 420 DM Sport XDrive 2dr (190bhp), M sport plus pack, widescr sat nav, 19"alloys, 17k, choice **£21995**

16 66 BMW 420 D M Sport 2dr automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2019, M Sport+ pack, widescr nav, Harman Kardon, 12k, black, full beige leather **£23995**

14 64 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic (258bhp), sat nav, 19"alloys, 17k, choice, full leather **£19995**

16 66 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic, BMW warranty Dec 2019, 19"alloys, pro nav, 7k, grey, full leather **£25995**

11 11 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic, sat nav, DAB, 19"alloys, black, full leather **£12995**

14 64 BMW 520 D Luxury 4dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, PDC front & rear, heated seats, met blue, full leather **£12495**

15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport Estate automatic (190bhp), BMW warranty Jan 2019, sat nav, DAB, black, full leather **£17495**

15 65 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, 18"alloys, full leather, 25k, choice **£17495**

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16 16 JAGUAR F-Pace 2.0 i4D R-Sport AWD 5dr, Jaguar warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, 19"alloys, 15k, met red, full leather.....£30995	14 64 MINI COOPER 2.0 COOPER S 5dr (TLC Pack) 192bhp, JCW bodykit, sat nav, head up display, Harman Kardon, 17"black alloys, volcanic orange, half leather.....£12995
15 15 JAGUAR XF 2.2 D Portfolio 4dr automatic, Jaguar warranty April 2018, sat nav, heated seats, reverse camera, choice, full leather.....£19995	16 66 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 3dr (170 bhp), chilli pack, Mini warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, DAB, USB, 17"alloys, 8k, black, half leather.....£13995
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17 17 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI 2 Estate ISG, Kia warranty April 2024, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 492 miles, black.....£15995	14 64 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 COOPER ALL4 5dr (TLC & Pepper Pack) Bluetooth, 17"black alloys, 24k, starlight blue.....£10995
16 16 KIA SOUL EV 5dr automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, heated seats, 7k, met blue.....£15995	15 64 MINI COUPE 1.6 Cooper 2dr, chilli + TLC pack, 17"alloys, heated seats, 25k, half-leather, choice.....£8495
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16 65 MERCEDES A180 D Sport Edition 5dr & G-DCT automatic, reverse camera, full leather, 25k, choice.....£14495	15 65 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI N-Tec+ 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, 22k, choice.....£13495
15 65 MERCEDES A200 CDI Sport Edition 5dr, cruise, reverse camera, met blue with full leather.....£14495	14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr 4WD (130bhp), pan roof, full leather, sat nav, black.....£11995
14 14 MERCEDES B180 CDI Sport 5dr 7G-DCT, 18"alloys, reverse camera, 35k, grey, full leather.....£12495	16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr 4WD (7-Seater), pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, black with full leather.....£17495
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14 64 MERCEDES C180 AMG Sport Edition (Premium Plus) 2dr Coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 15k, silver with full leather.....£17995	14 63 RANGEROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure Tech AWD 5dr automatic, pan roof, 19"alloys, sat nav, 27k, Firenze red, full leather.....£22995
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15 15 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Sport 2dr coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty Sep 2018, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 15k, silver, half leather.....£16995	15 15 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Energy Expression+ 5dr, cruise, alloys, Bluetooth, met blue.....£7995
15 65 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Line (Premium Plus) Estate automatic, pan roof, sat nav, 19"alloys, 25k, choice, full leather.....£22995	14 64 RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCI Energy GT Line Tom Tom 2dr Coupe, sat nav, Bluetooth, 35k, blue, half leather.....£8495
15 65 MERCEDES C350 E Sport 4dr automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, silver with full leather.....£20495	15 65 RENAULT SCENIC Xmod 1.6 DCI Energy Dynamique 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, PDC, met red.....£8995
13 63 MERCEDES E220 CDI AMG Sport Cabriolet 7G-Tronic Plus, sat nav, aircar heating, choice, full leather.....£17995	16 66 SEAT ALHAMBRA 2.0 TDI Ecomotive SE 5dr (7-seater) Seat warranty Aug 2019, alloys, pdc front & rear, choice.....£16995
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15 65 NISSAN NOTE 1.2 N-Tec 5dr, Nissan warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, 11k, white.....£8495

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14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Acenta Premium 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, 13k, choice.....£11995

14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr, 19"alloys, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, 23k, choice, full leather.....£12795

15 15 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Acenta 5dr, Nissan warranty April 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, 28k, choice.....£10995

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16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr 4WD (7-Seater), pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, black with full leather.....£17495

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15 64 RANGEROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Dynamic 5dr, 20"alloys, sat nav, privacy glass, 11k, met red, full two tone leather.....£25995

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15 16 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 2.0 CDTI SRI 3dr, Vauxhall warranty Oct 2018, 18"alloys, cruise, 23k, choice.....£8995

15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI SE 5dr automatic, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, full leather, 28k, black.....£10495

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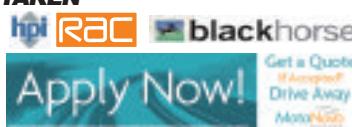


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Vale of Glamorgan Football League Round up

KARL STEEL grabbed a hat trick as St Athan remained top of the Premier Division following a 4-1 victory over Cowbridge Town with Joe Laing notching the other.

Rhose kept the pressure on the leaders as they trounced Island Marine 7-3 to stay a point off top. The goals came from a Jordan Owen hat-trick, Nick Good double, Dave Bevan and Tom Webb.

However, the looming shadow of FC Barry Belgrave casts a shadow over the league. Belgrave, who didn't play yesterday, now have five games in hand over the leaders and are five points behind.

In Division One, Cardiff Airport reduced Sully Sports lead to seven points following a conclusive 3-0 win over Cwm Talwg. Cogan secured their first win in four with a 2-0 victory over Cadotown Athletic to stay fifth.

Llanwit Major made it 12 out of 12 with a mammoth 9-2 win over Vale Madrid, Gethin Jennings bagging a hat-trick, Andy Shaw a brace, with Lewis Brown, Glyn Davies, Lee Tracey and Luke Beattie adding the others. The win puts Llanwit 11 points clear, but Cadotown Barry do have two games in hand. BRT Dynamos went third as they edged out Barry Albion 1-0.

Next week Rhose host St Athan and Barry Athletic play FC Barry Belgrave in a super Saturday.

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Latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club

THE latest results the club and a partner for the Barrivale may be arranged, if Bridge Club required.

(February 13) are as follows:

The winners for the mixed pairs session two were: 1, Peter Millar and Jane Brook 59.38 per cent; 2, Mick Green and Judith Owen 58.33; 3, Mark Roderick and Noelle Bond 57.81.

The handicap winners were Debbie Dawkins and Dave Thomas. As always, new members are welcome at

September 2018.

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VALE of Glamorgan trainer Tim Vaughan and his stable jockey Alan Johns were in good form recently.

At Sandown Park on Friday, Tim's *Tanit River*, a 16-1 chance, landed the Alanbrook Challenge Handicap Chase, coming home three lengths ahead of Aubusson.

Brian Lee

Barry Athletic cricket under-11s.

BARRY Athletic Cricket youth section will be wearing a new playing shirt this year, thanks to their continuing partnership with Cadwaladers.

The under-11s play in the Cardiff and Vale Junior cricket league. Cadwaladers have been a key sponsor for the cricket youth section over the past few years and Barry Athletic club members will be able to enjoy what Cadwaladers island café has to offer with 20 per cent discount cards throughout the season.

Barry Athletic Cricket Youth section would like to thank Cadwaladers for

their support and the under-11s, with their new developing side will look forward to enjoying another competitive season in the league playing against local sides such as Dinas Powys, Cowbridge, Vale, Miskin and Penarth.

Mark Ellis, junior coordinator commented: "I am really pleased to be able to have Cadwaladers as our sponsor. They have been supportive since day one and we are fortunate to have such an established and successful organisation behind us."

"My thanks go especially to Paul Morton, the operational manager who has enabled this to happen."

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB LATEST NEWS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jim Hume, chairman, Steve Burgoyne and David Crompton.

THE latest results for Debbie and Simon Richards. Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

The winners of the club handicap pairs competition were Jim Hume and Dave Read; the trophy was presented by chairman Steve Burgoyne.

On Wednesday, February 14: First, Dave Lea and Graham Norris; second, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; equal third, Tony Disley and John Evans, and David Bowen and David Crompton.

The winners on handicap were Dave Lea and Graham Norris.

On Thursday, February 15: Playing north-south; first, Geoff and Christine Tinkler; equal second, Christine and John Evans, and Rosalie Clode and David Newman; playing east-west; first, John Henson and Dilys Bowser; equal second, Marjorie Halley and Sheila Glass, and Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks.

The winners on handicap were; playing north-south, Peter and Hilary Rowley; playing east-west, John Henson and Dilys Bowser.

A 12-1 chance, *Point Of Principal* gave Welshman Alan Johns his first Ascot winner.

Brian Lee

A full programme at the Curre and Llangibby races

THE South Wales and Monmouthshire Point-To-Point season at Howick near Chepstow on Sunday got off to a sad start when, in a match for the opening Members' race, Steve Whistress's French-bred *War Path*, ridden by Hannah Lewis, and which had been made a long odds-on favourite, broke a leg after jumping the last fence when well clear of Caroline Marles's 11-year-old home-bred *Always Archie*, ridden by Craig Dowson.

A former winner under Rules for Tim Vaughan, *Always Archie* was returning to the racecourse for the first time in two years.

Nine runners faced the starter for the Confined race and two of these, *Colorado Doc* and *Bob The Butcher* are owned and trained by David Brace of the Dunraven Stud, Pyle near Bridgend.

The heavy ground took its toll of several of the runners, but the odds-on *Colorado Doc*, the seven-year-old son of *Dr Massini*, under Bradley Gibbs, jumped for fun in the testing conditions and came home a distance ahead of stablemate *Bob The Butcher*, ridden by Mr Brace's 16-year-old grandson, Connor Bailey.

The closest finish of the day came in the Restricted race when the favourite, *Champion*, ridden by 'Comeback Kid' Nick Williams, of Ogmore by Sea, made most of the running to win by a neck from *Double You Be*, partnered by Ed Bailey.

Champion is owned by The Egerton, Chandler & Harris Partnership and trained by former leading rider, Jonathan Tudor, of Merthyr Mawr, who said: "My 16-year-old son Jack does all the work. I'm afraid to go near the horse."

Six runners went to post for this race and it is interesting to note that the first three to finish – *Way Wild West* was third – were the only Irish-bred horses in the race.

Bought in Ireland by Mr Michael for a friend who changed his mind and turned down the horse, *Bean Liath* is trained by Kirstin Mellor and is qualified with the Curre & Llangibby.

Quinlin, who has ridden 11 winners under Rules, was chalking up his third win between-the-flags.

Byron Moorcroft, having his first

by BRIAN LEE

AM welcomes Twenty20 franchise: 'An exciting new chapter for the game'

THE South Wales T20 tournament has the

It has the potential to put Cardiff on the revolutionise the game map and bring centre of it.

This includes both

Central AM and Welsh Conservative Leader in The Senedd, Andrew RT Davies has welcomed the announcement that Cardiff will be the base for one of the new T20 cricket franchises starting in 2020.

Hosting one of the Vale and RCT, so it eight teams in the new is excellent news for the competition is a region.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne, please contact Steve for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays there is a session run by Steve starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics, this week's subject is how the auction might continue after partners open INT.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities, contact one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968 or David Newman 01656 649138.

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Porthcawl RFC Firsts dominate promotion rivals – but will they rue missing out on a bonus point?



Owen Thomas with Jack Williams in support.
Photos by Tracey Williams.



Jack Williams making a break with Josh White in support

PORTHCAWL RFC Firsts finally got around to playing one of the two sides that have outpaced the others in the division this season, and they had a comfortable win against the Upplands, with a committed display.

The Porthcawl defence is by a mile the meanest in the league and they kept a further clean sheet as they prevented the second side in the division from getting anywhere near a score.

With captain Richard Hnyda on holiday in Australia, it was down to Jon Phillips to skipper the side and he put in another masterful display of leadership and general play.

It was Phillips' outstanding midfield break that set up the first try as left wing Jake Thomas sped in wide out for 5-nil.

Fly half Josh White found his range with a penalty, as Porthcawl forced the visitors to transgress at a ruck 40 metres out, for 8-nil within 15 minutes.

It was White again, this time with a punishing kick over the advancing Upplands defence, which saw Phillips speed through unopposed to grab the unconverted touchdown for 13-nil, with Upplands wondering what was afoot.

Porthcawl's relentless pack, in which flanker Owen Thomas gave an awesome display, proved to be a brick wall first line of defence, and they charged at will into the visiting half.

With this platform, White again showed superb vision to produce another kick over the Upplands defence

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and Pat Haworth;

ATHLETIC OUTGUN ABERAVON QUINS

Bridgend

Athletic 20

Aberavon

Quins 8

B R I D G E N D Athletic continued their winning sequence of eight consecutive league victories with a hard-fought double 20-8 victory over Aberavon Quins.

It was their third double of the season and by the same margin of three tries to one as at the Quins' ground in December.

The Athletic's 386 league points and 52 league tries in 15 fixtures are the highest to date this season in Division One West Central.

Head coach John Apsee's pre-match team talk was simple: "Win it for Fooksy." Prop Wayne 'The Train' Fooks

was making a remarkable 350th senior appearance for the Athletic over a 20-year period.

The Quins, with a breeze behind them, kicked off and caught the ball. They went through many phases causing the Athletic to concede a penalty, kicked by centre Marc Sheppard without the Athletic touching the ball.

From the restart, the Athletic regained possession and this time the Quins were penalised.

The Athletic elected for outside half Luke Bevan to kick to touch and back themselves with a driving line out.

Hooker Nathan Holman duly found No 8 Sean Williams with the throw, and the Athletic drove over the try line at pace for flanker and captain Ben Howe to

secure his third touchdown and the club's 50th of the league campaign this season.

The Athletic continued to press and when failures to capitalise on penalties from five-metre line outs and a five-metre scrum brought no joy, Ben Howe asked Luke Bevan to kick for goal.

His kick was true and the Athletic extended their lead to 8-3. With very heavy conditions underfoot and both sides not having played for a month, the game became very scrappy and a bit of an arm wrestle.

The Quins had a good 20-minute spell of possession and only a timely strip of the ball by Athletic flanker Sam Treherne prevented the Quins capitalising with a try. The Athletic were then on top as the half closed without either side troubling the scoreboard.

The Quins started the second half on the front foot. Quins centre Lewis Cronin charged down an attempted clearance kick on the Athletic goal line and he fell on the ball to level the scores.

The Athletic then pressed hard. Locks Ben Cordin and Jonathon Stoker were held just short of the try line. The Athletic were penalised five metres short of the Quins' try line.

However, the Quins had received many warnings about indiscipline and backchat to the referee. Despite being awarded a penalty, the chat continued.

The referee's patience ran out and he reversed the penalty in the Athletic's favour and issued a yellow card to a Quins player. With numerical advantage, the Athletic elected for a



Liam Phillips' try against Aberavon Quins.
Photos by John Cannon.



Stuart Floyd Ellis with support.



Tom James wrestles for the ball.

Porthcawl Bridge Club results

THE latest results from Porthcawl bridge Club are as follows:

Saturday, January 27 – First, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; Second, Trish Saunders and Janet Richards.

Thursday, February 1 – First, Rory Gibbons and Roger Draper; Second, Pat Haworth and Tony Haworth.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor Centre, Thursdays,

Saturday, February 3 – First, Janet Richards and Tony Haworth; 2nd (equal), Coline and Hazel Heard; Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth.

To contact the club, call the secretary on 01656 785794.

Second, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant.

Saturday, February 10 – First, Colin and Lavinia Thomas; Second, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

Thursday, February 15 – First, John Beard and Pat Haworth; Second, Keith Davison and Tony Haworth.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor Centre, Thursdays,

Saturday, February 17 – First, Janet Richards and Tony Haworth; 2nd (equal), Coline and Hazel Heard; Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth.

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Apsee summed up: "The leaders Maesteg Quins – month layoff cost us the last side to defeat the normal energy in the Athletic back on game and with the November 4. It is hoped difficult muddy captain Ben Howe, who conditions it was played his first game of satisfactory to win."

He picked out Sean Williams, Ben Howe and Matt Muir in the been on the winning side forwards, and centres in all his appearances this Tom Jenkins, Stuart season, can guide his side

Floyd-Ellis and the over the line. On March 10, the wing Tom James in a Athletic Brewery Field.

On March 3, the Athletic visit league

Images by John Cannon